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Gerth says goodbye

After 19 years of service, Gerth is ready for retirement

MICHELLE MILLER
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Most of the freshmen entering Sacramento State this fall weren't even alive when President Donald Gerth came here in 1984.

In the 19 years he has served as president, Sac State has done a lot of growing up. Enrollment has risen from 22,000 to 28,000. Two parking structures have gone up, as well as several campus buildings. Ethnic diversity on campus has increased. The percentages of Asian and Hispanic students have doubled since 1984.

But the biggest change in a long time is that the longest-serving president Sac State has ever known won't be here in the fall.

Last fall Gerth announced that this year would be his last, stating that if he were 20 years younger, he'd do it all over again.

"I really like what I do. I'm not sure everybody believes me when I say that, but that is in fact the case," he said.

Those who doubt his passion - just look at how he works.

His office this Tuesday morning is alive. Three assistants in his outside office are busy, but carry out their work in a hush. Gerth's personal office has a cluttered, lived-in look. Neatly aligned piles of papers with the day's business are placed on the floor because the amount of work he does is too much for a desktop.

At an age at which most are already retired, Gerth still puts in 12-hour days.

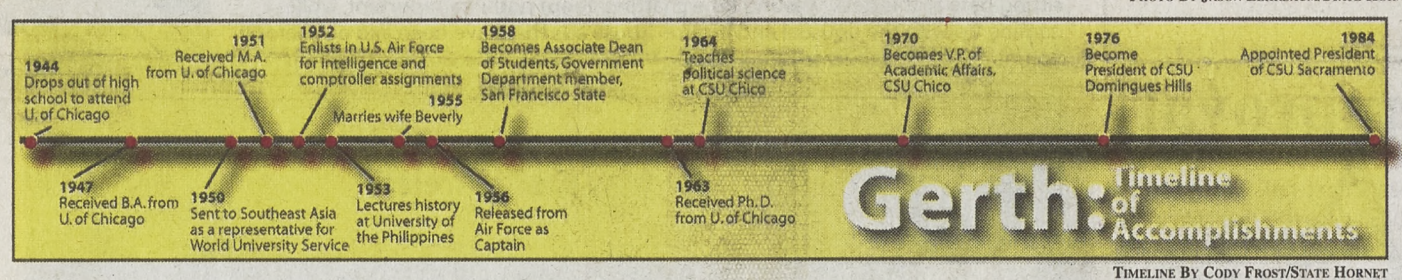
"Being president, if you take the job seriously, is a very time-consuming role. You're sort of on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," he says in a gravelly voice.

His chair screeches as he gets up and walks over to one of the piles of paper on the floor and stoops over to read it, prattling off his appearances that night. A foreign language faculty reception, then the

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TIMELINE BY CODY FROST/STATE HORNET

Foundation bans tobacco sales, pays to move Gonzalez

SARAH ANDERSON
Reporter

Tobacco sales will be banned on campus as of Aug. 1, and an undisclosed amount of money will be given to President Alex Gonzalez for relocation because of two agenda items the CSUS Foundation passed at its meeting Friday.

The ceasing of tobacco sales on campus was requested in March by Students Taking Action Against Nicotine Dependence.

ASI President Eric Guerra questioned the board's move to stop selling tobacco products.

"Does anybody have the right to tell students not to smoke?" Guerra said.

The Foundation also divested its tobacco stock at a loss of $112,000.

The Foundation is a $100 million organization, according to an independent audit, which is set up as a charity to receive tax exemptions.

Elroy Littlefield, executive director of the CSUS Foundation, did not return calls by deadline as to if the Foundation would have divested if the tobacco stock would have been worth millions of dollars rather than $112,000.

The board also looked into the cost of relocating President Gonzalez from San Marcos to Sacramento. The cost of the move is unknown, and Littlefield was authorized by the board to negotiate with Gonzalez for a relocation-housing loan. The terms of the loan are unknown at this time and are dependent on the type of house Gonzalez chooses.

ASI President Eric Guerra unsuccessfully lobbied the board for an extra $10,000 in addition to the $75,000 the Foundation gives to ASI for grants and contracts, but the request was denied.

"We're feeding too many mouths," said Vice President and Chief of Staff to the President's Office, Elizabeth Moulds.

Littlefield tried to show why the Foundation could not give more funding to ASI.

"We have unknowns. The state budget is hitting everyone hard. The increasing cost of health care is an enormous hit on our budget. We are not sure of USGS. We have the Napa Hall. The rentals are weak on the south side of Highway 50," Littlefield said.

The board also approved new pay ranges under newly established guidelines for the minimum salary standard. The CSUS employees who are above the new standard must also be accessed.

"The ones in the highest salary ranges need to be looked at very carefully and very discreetly because they are our best people," said Dean Marion O'Leary of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. "Don't redline them, or they will leave. Consider them on a case by case basis."

The next foundation meeting on Sept. 19.

CMS repeats past mistakes

DANIEL BARNES
State Hornet

Many of the criticisms surrounding California State University's $662 million Common Management System contract with software giant PeopleSoft have echoed those lobbed at another controversial CSU computer deal in 1998 called the California Educational Technology Initiative.

"It (CETI) was a very different project, but similar in that faculty and staff were very suspicious of it," said James Chopyak, an ethnomusicology professor and President of the CSUS Chapter of California Faculty Association, the CSU faculty union.

The California State Employees Association, which represents CSU staff, shared CFA's concerns about both computer deals. CSEA Senior Labor Relations Representative Teven Laxer says the staff and faculty's outcry against CETI made CMS instantly suspicious.

"We had little trust for these folks from the beginning, since they were the ones that brought us CETI," said Lexer, who believes a lack of oversight on information technology negotiations has led to cost overruns and conflicts of interest in the CSU administration.



Charles Reed
CSU Chancellor

CFA and CSEA represent 36,000 of the 45,000 CSU employees, and served as co-requestors of a state audit on CMS released earlier this year. The findings in the audit led to a contentious hearing of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee last month in which Sen. Richard Alarcon (D-San Fernando Valley) called the deal "a black eye for the CSU system."

Chopyak said concerns about CETI and CMS expressed by faculty, staff, and students were constantly rebuffed by the CSU administration.

"We were told we had no choice, and were powerless to stop it," Chopyak said.

CSU spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler does not see the need for more oversight, and strongly dis-

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Fee deadlines under review after complaints

ANGELA BRATRUD
State Hornet

The university may extend the time a student has to pay fee increases as a result of complaints about recent fines incurred by students paying the $72 fee increase in March, Vice President of Student Affairs Shirley Uplinger said.

Uplinger said the university will look at the process and timeline for the future.

"A 10-day turnaround is really too short of (a) time," Uplinger said.

She wants to see the timeline of mailings lengthened to ensure that students have adequate time to pay.

"In order to avoid the issue, we will move toward a 30-day policy," she said

Sacramento State student Zachary Kanouse complained to financial services after receiving his tuition fee bill nine days after the bill was due. The bill included a $10 fine for not paying on time, although he said he didn't receive his notice until March 24. He said the financial services office threatened to put a hold on his grades and records if he didn't pay the late

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Dining violations reported at River Front

CHRISTINA BIRDSALL
State Hornet

A dead cockroach and insect parts were found in hot chocolate from La Creperie in the River Front Center, according to a formal complaint made to county health officials.

Environmental Health Specialist Jim Sherman of the Sacramento County Environmental Health Department was unable to identify the parts as cockroaches.

The report from their May 2 inspection said all of the storage shelves must be cleaned, and a pest control service has been provided.

"It is very unfortunate," said owner Michel Bloch. "When I heard about the incident, I called the health department."

In the food business, it is not unusual for things like this to happen, Bloch said. Bugs can be brought in from produce shipments and in the products ordered from outside companies.

Since the complaint, La Creperie has thrown out the contaminated chocolate and now makes it a standard procedure to sift the chocolate every morning, Bloch said.

"We take it very seriously," Bloch said.

A specialist from Ecolab came to inspect the facility, Bloch said. Ecolab handles sanitation regulations at food establishments.

Ecolab inspector Rick Meder said the cockroach part found in the hot chocolate was not native to Sacramento, nor does it normally live indoors, Bloch said.

Based on Meder's analysis, La Creperie believes the cockroach was in the hot chocolate container upon delivery to the restaurant, Bloch said.

A letter was sent to the company in regard to the incident, Bloch said.

The unfortunate customer has been a patron to La Creperie for years, Bloch said. Flowers were sent and an apology was given, and the person has since returned as a customer to La Creperie, Bloch said

Executive Director of CSUS Foundation Elroy Littlefield and Assistant Director for Marketing Services David Levy, the spokesperson for the CSUS Foundation, were unavailable for comment before deadline.

Trustees delay fee hike

TOM HALL
State Hornet

The CSU Board of Trustees will not make a decision on a fee increase as scheduled at their meeting Wednesday in Long Beach.

A decision on the amount of the increase will be held off until the summer, according to CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. The delay is due to the uncertainty of the state budget situation still circling over the Capitol.

Gov. Gray Davis is expected to release his revised budget Wednesday, the same day the Trustees were to make a decision. Reed said the Trustees would rather only make one increase, instead of making one now and another should the situation worsen through the summer.

"We want to be able to give our students and their families enough time for financial planning for next year, and a single action seems the best and clearest way to do that," Reed said.

However, Reed did state that a full budget and fee discussion could still occur since many students will be away from the campuses during summer.

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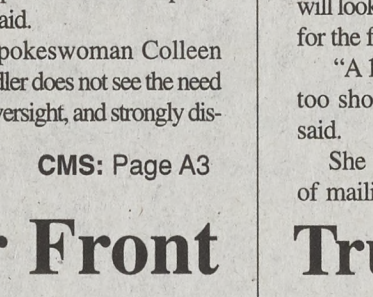
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A YEAR IN REVIEW

From being thrusted into the national spotlight for sideline use of cooking spray, to one man's heroic performance. *The Hornet* reviews the year in sports.



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SAC STATE'S BATTLEBOT

Students hope Seismic, Sac State's competitive robot, will bring honor to the university with a Battlebots championship.

Police Log

SACRAMENTO STATE'S CAMPUS POLICE

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Friday, May 2

VEHICLE IMPOUND
Lot 8 - A blue Volvo 240DL 4-door was towed for having an expired registration and multiple parking citations.

BURGLARY
Parking Structure 2 - A 1996 silver Honda Accord was broken into sometime between 9:50 a.m. and 12 a.m. The vandals stole a CD stereo, a tan polo jacket and a Sony digital camera.

Saturday, May 3

INCIDENT
Library - A report of a male acting strangely was made. He was seen going in and out of elevators and trying to avoid people. Police officers contacted the subject and advised him to leave campus.

BURGLARY
Parking Structure - The victim reported that between 7:50 p.m. and 10 p.m. their 1997 Nissan truck was broken into. The victim's stereo and backpack were taken.

BURGLARY
Parking Structure I - A report was made of an auto burglary in progress when another driver spotted two suspects as they broke into a Toyota 4-door. The suspects stopped and then ran up the stairs to the second level to get away. The suspects were gone once police arrived on the scene. Suspect #1 was reported as being a white male juvenile with blond hair, 6'1" to 6'2", 200 lbs, wearing a green hooded sweatshirt and carrying a backpack. Suspect #2 was reported as a Hispanic male juvenile, 5'5", 120 lbs, with short dark hair. He was carrying a backpack.

DISTURBANCE
Sutter Hall - A caller reported that there was a very drunk student arguing with the resident assistant in the dorm hallway. A police officer contacted the drunken subject and advised the student to go into his room.

VANDALISM
Lot 2 - The victim reported that between 2:45 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. the rear window on his 1991 Honda Civic was broken

Sunday, May 4

BURGLARY
Stadium/track - A green John Deere "Gator" cart was taken between 5 p.m. on May 3 and 9:30 a.m. on May 4. The vehicle was left in a fenced-in area. The fence was lifted to steal the cart.

SERVICE
Lot 2 - A police officer checked on a subject who was lying on the ground by Shasta Hall. The subject was described as a white male wearing jeans and a green sweater. The subject was checked by medical units who evaluated him, and he was sent home with his roommate.

Monday, May 5

BURGLARY
Residence Hall Parking - The victim reported that their 1993 Ford Escort was broken into between 3 p.m. on May 4 and 2:45 p.m. on May 5. Entry was made through the driver's side door and the stereo system was taken out.

Tuesday, May 6

BURGLARY
Shasta Hall - Theft of a portable color copy machine from an office sometime between 5:30 p.m. on May 5 and 7:45 on May 6. A police report was taken.

BURGLARY
River Front Center - Theft of a laptop computer from an office between 4 p.m. on May 5 and 8 a.m. on May 6. No signs of forced entry into the room. A police report was taken.

Wednesday, May 7

INCIDENT
Bike Trail - A report of a transient camping out by a picnic table was made. The reporting party was trying to conduct a tai chi class. The subject was contacted, identified and advised to leave the area.

LARCENY-THEFT
Mariposa Hall - The theft of a wallet from an office between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on April 29 was reported.

LARCENY-THEFT
Solano Hall - The theft of a wallet taken sometime between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. was reported.

INCIDENT
Bike Trail - Secondhand information of a male subject walking along the levee wearing a black jacket and a black mask was received. No further information was given about the subject. The Sacramento Police Department was contacted to assist in a search of the area. Police officers checked the area and were unable to locate the man.

BURGLARY
Parking Structure II - A burglary occurred between 3 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. A stereo was taken from a 1993 Honda Civic.

New program solicits donations for students in financial need

EDUARDO JUAREZ
State Hornet

A Student Giving Program, which will benefit many students who are on a strict budget, is being established at CSUS.

The SGP will solicit money not only from students and alumni, but also from administrators, faculty and staff. The program will begin as early as this summer.

"What we're asking for will benefit students," said Carol Martin, major gifts officer of the College of Health and Human Services.

She hopes to raise money that can be used for student emergencies, such as hospital expenses or if students need assistance for travel expenses to attend the funeral of a family member.

Shari E. Kawelo, director of development in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, hopes that the money will help support student trips in her department during academic competitions with other universities.

"Private support from alumni, corporations and foundations make the difference between a good education and an excellent education," Kawelo said.

Similar programs are not new to the CSU system. According to Martin, only a small percentage of alumni give back to the school. Martin expressed concern that students would be less likely to give to the program with growing economic problems and rising tuition fees.

"We need to rely less on the state," Martin said.

Martin and Kawelo stressed the importance of thanking scholarship sponsors for their assistance.

Thousands of students hit with late fees

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fee, giving him no other choice than to pay the fine.

Kanouse said officials originally told him to take up the issue with post office officials, but they have since decided to refund his $10 fine.

Over 3,000 students were assessed late fees due to tuition increases, and as of last week, 2,100 have paid them, Jeanette Norton, General Manager of the Student Financial Services Center, said. This means students have paid around $21,000 to the university for the late fee.

Nine hundred students have not yet paid their tuition increases, and face consequences if they fail to pay tuition increases or late fees. They will be prevented from registering for a future term and holds will also be placed on their records, Norton said.

"We took every step that we could think of to ensure students were aware of this increase and gave them as long as possible to pay the increased fees," Norton said. "It is the students' responsibility to be aware of fee increases and all fees are subject to change."

Norton said she was aware that the mailings may not have been sent out until at least a few days after their stamped date. Records show they were stamped on March 3 or 4.

ASI President Eric Guerra said that this semester's situation is ludicrous.

"The university should forgive the late fee. After a sudden mid-year increase, its the university's responsibility to forgive students because there was ample time to implement the increase," Guerra said.

He said the fee increase was approved in December, and there is no reason why the university waited until March to notify students, let alone assess a late fee with a March deadline.

"We need to develop a student friendly service," Guerra said. "Students are here to get an education," not to handle the bureaucratic responsibility, he said.

ASI Vice President of Finance, Peter Ucovich, also said the responsibility belongs to the university and not the students.

"It's one thing if students aren't paying their fees. It's another thing for students who are trying to pay in good faith and are being charged late fees," Ucovich said.

He said the university needs to be more responsible and give refunds to students who paid late fees.

Fees are expected to rise by at least 25 percent by next semester. The CSU trustees were expected to vote on more tuition increases for the 2003-04 school year on May 14 in Long Beach, but have delayed that vote until the final state budget is approved. ASI is planning a protest at the May 14 meeting.

"The university violated a contract with students after raising tuition after school started," Ucovich said. "The fee increase is preposterous, unfair and disenfranchising to students of the university."

Farewell to all those who have kept up with these lovely house ads over the years. Its been one crazy excursion. The past 60 years has left my life with many memories of sitting here at this desk, wasting time chatting about nothing important, while coming up with the unusual and bizarre house ads that have been laid out before you, our beautiful audience. Remember: Keep laughing. - the Graphic Designer



Trustees wait for budget approval

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The California State Student Association, the legislative body for CSU students, has organized a bus trip for any interested students to the Long Beach meeting. The students left Tuesday to rally against the fee increases.

According to ASI President-elect Peter Ucovich, as of Monday, CSSA was still "intending to hold a rally."

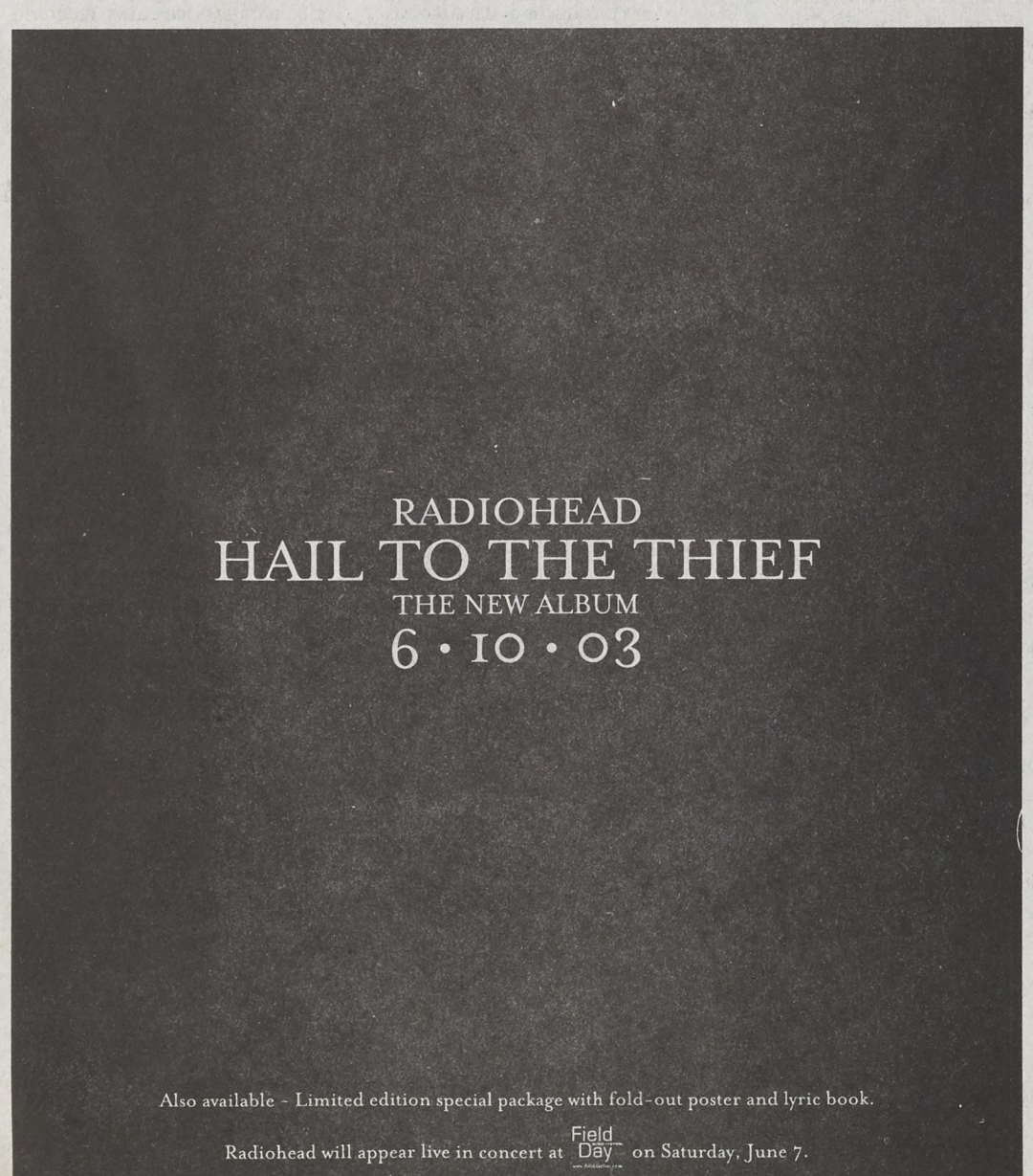
"This is last-minute maneuvering to disenfranchise students from the process," Ucovich said. "The rally will not have as strong of an impact now."

Ucovich said another rally will be held when the Trustees meet to vote on the fee increase.

The current Trustee proposal would raise fees 25 percent for CSU students next fall. That proposal has been taken off the table in lieu of a new one, which will come at either the June or July Trustee meetings, according to Reed.

"It is never pleasant to raise student fees, but if we are to continue to provide access to California's students, they must increase," Reed said.

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CETI was more complex than CMS

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putes claims by faculty and staff that they were not adequately represented in CMS and CETI negotiations.

"The university knows better how to run its technology and its campuses than the legislature," Bentley-Adler said. "We believe the legislature should be working on state issues."

CETI was a proposed $300 million partnership between the CSU and four private companies—Hughes, Microsoft, Fujitsu and GTE—to develop and maintain a state-of-the-art computer infrastructure for the CSU system.

CMS is a managerial computer upgrade intended to unify information tracking, including financial, human resources and student administration information among the CSU's 23 campuses.

In May 1996, the CMS Task Force was created to investigate replacing only the financial management systems, but Bentley-Adler said the decision to include human resources and student administration modules in the system was made in 1998.

The State Auditor's report on CMS found that the university underestimated costs by over $200 million, failed to engage in competitive bidding or create a business model before signing the PeopleSoft contract, and got involved in a potential conflict of interest involving a high-level member of the administration.

There are distinct differences between the two systems—CETI would have created a public-private partnership while CMS was a simple procurement of a product.

However, both deals featured controversial corporate participation, legislative investigation, a lack of competitive bidding, union concerns about job security, and charges from faculty and student opposition of conflicts of interest and bad business sense.

Don Scoble, who was San Francisco State University's vice-president in charge of banking and finance and represented SFSU in the CETI negotiations, fails to see the similarities between the two.

"I think the (CETI) deal failed because it was far too complex. It was a much bigger undertaking than anyone realized, and much more complex than CMS," said Scoble.

Scoble, who retired last year to become SFSU President Kevin Corrigan's Chief of Staff, said the two aren't comparable in the least.

Chopyak disagrees, saying that there are "scary similarities" between the way the CETI and CMS deals were put together.

"With both these deals, the CSU was trying to do it off the radar without any legislative oversight," Chopyak said.

One element that distinguishes CETI from CMS is that the former was intended to be a "for-profit" deal.

CSU cannot legally engage in "for-profit" ventures, so CETI would have created a puppet foundation called Limited Liability Company to handle transactions and serve as a go-between for the corporations and the university, according to CSU documents.

Critics of the deal charged that the CSU was conceding too much control to the corporations—Microsoft, Hughes, Fujitsu and GTE would have owned a majority of LLC and controlled 10 of the 13 seats on the Board of Directors.

"We had legal, ethical and moral concerns about bringing entrepreneurial concerns into a public state university," Laxer said.

In order to obtain funding, LLC would have borrowed $300 million from the four corporations for infrastructure improvement, while the corporations were to donate another $36 million.

In exchange, the campuses would agree to purchase computer products solely from the interested corporations for ten years, and the companies would create new revenue streams by selling communications services to students, staff, faculty and alumni.

CSU claimed that the university would pay back its loans by selling products and access to faculty, students, and other corporations.

> *"The university knows better how to run its technology and its campuses than the legislature."*
>
> -Colleen Bentley-Adler
> CSU Spokesperson

CFA voted against CETI on Dec. 6, 1997, and in early January 1998, the California Legislature held a Joint Informational Hearing to discuss the matter.

The CSU administration fought hard for CETI—in December 1997, CETI spokeswoman and senior director of IT policy Patricia Cuocco even offered to "ghost-write" pro-CETI letters for supportive faculty, but no willing participants could be found.

Reed was not officially appointed CSU Chancellor until March 1998, but he also publicly stumped for CETI. On February 12, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Information Resources and Technology Thomas West wrote a letter to the heads of the four corporate partners in which he assured Reed's unflagging support.

Still, Bentley-Adler claims that CETI was squashed because Chancellor Reed decided it was not in the university's best interests.

"He reviewed it and pulled the plug on that one pretty quickly," Bentley-Adler said.

Laxer has a slightly different take on the matter.

"CETI failed because of the massive outcry against it," he said. "With CMS, people are still learning about it."

CETI negotiations started breaking down early in 1998, and on March 17, Reed said there was a 50/50 chance the deal would still go through.

Microsoft and Hughes dropped out of the deal first, but an April 16 press release quoted Reed, "CETI—or a similar public-private partnership carefully negotiated to be in the best academic and financial interests of the CSU, its faculty, staff and students—is still the way to go."

On June 23, 1998, CETI was officially squashed when the last of the corporate partners pulled out. In a press release, Reed said, "The CSU will spend the next several weeks assessing potential new funding sources and developing new approaches with current and new industry partners."

Less than one month later, Reed confirmed the CMS Task Force's recommendation to award the bid to PeopleSoft. The contract was signed in September, and in November, Ernst was given full responsibility for the CMS project.

The decision to add human resources and student administration modules to CMS was also made in 1998.

Chopyak believes both the CMS and CETI deals show that CSU has been too generous in its corporate dealings.

"The corporatization of the university seems like a far-off concept, but it's actually a very practical matter with potential negative factors for students, faculty, and taxpayers," Chopyak said.

During last month's JLAC hearing, committee Chair Rebecca Cohn (D-Campbell) and several of her colleagues defined Reed and CSU's response to the State Audit's findings as "cavalier." Chopyak feels a lack of oversight is to blame.

"He still doesn't get it," Chopyak said. "They've gotten away with things for so long."

Graduation ceremony speakers announced

PHILIP WOOD
State Hornet

Graduation ceremonies will take place May 23 and 24 in the Hornet Stadium and the Outdoor Theatre near the library this year. Parking is free and no tickets are required.

Speakers for the ceremonies include John Schimandle of Hewlett Packard at the College of Engineering and Computer science ceremony; Congressman Robert Matsui at the College of Health and Human Services ceremony; Edward Del Biaggio, CSUS vice president for administration, at the College of Business Administration ceremony; Sukhbir Mahajan, astronomy and physics professor, at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics ceremony; and two student speakers.

For those whose ceremony is in the Hornet Stadium, the graduation candidates need to assemble in the practice track next to the Hornet Stadium half an hour before the ceremony begins. The ceremonies will start promptly, so the university recommends allowing ample time to park and assemble at the designated location.

For hearing-impaired graduates and guests, an interpreter will be on stage. For the best viewing opportunity of the interpreter or for those in need of special seating arrangements, the university suggests reporting to the Special Services table.

The university prohibits alcohol, beach balls and Silly String, and strongly frowns upon the use of fireworks for safety reasons.

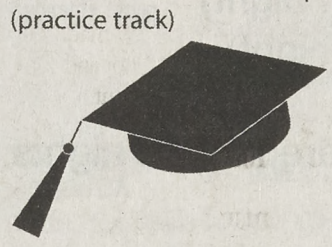
The graduation ceremonies are expected to last up to two hours, including the procession, the College Dean addressing the graduates and audience, the students walking, the president conferring the graduates and giving closing remarks and the Grand Marshall leading the graduates from the commencement site.

Friday, May 23, 2003

College of Arts and Letters
12:30 p.m. - Hornet Stadium
Candidates assemble 12 noon (practice track)

College of Engineering and Computer Science
5:30 p.m. - Outdoor Theatre
Candidates assemble 5:00 p.m. (practice track)

College of Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies
7:00 p.m. - Hornet Stadium
Candidates assemble 6:30 p.m. (practice track)



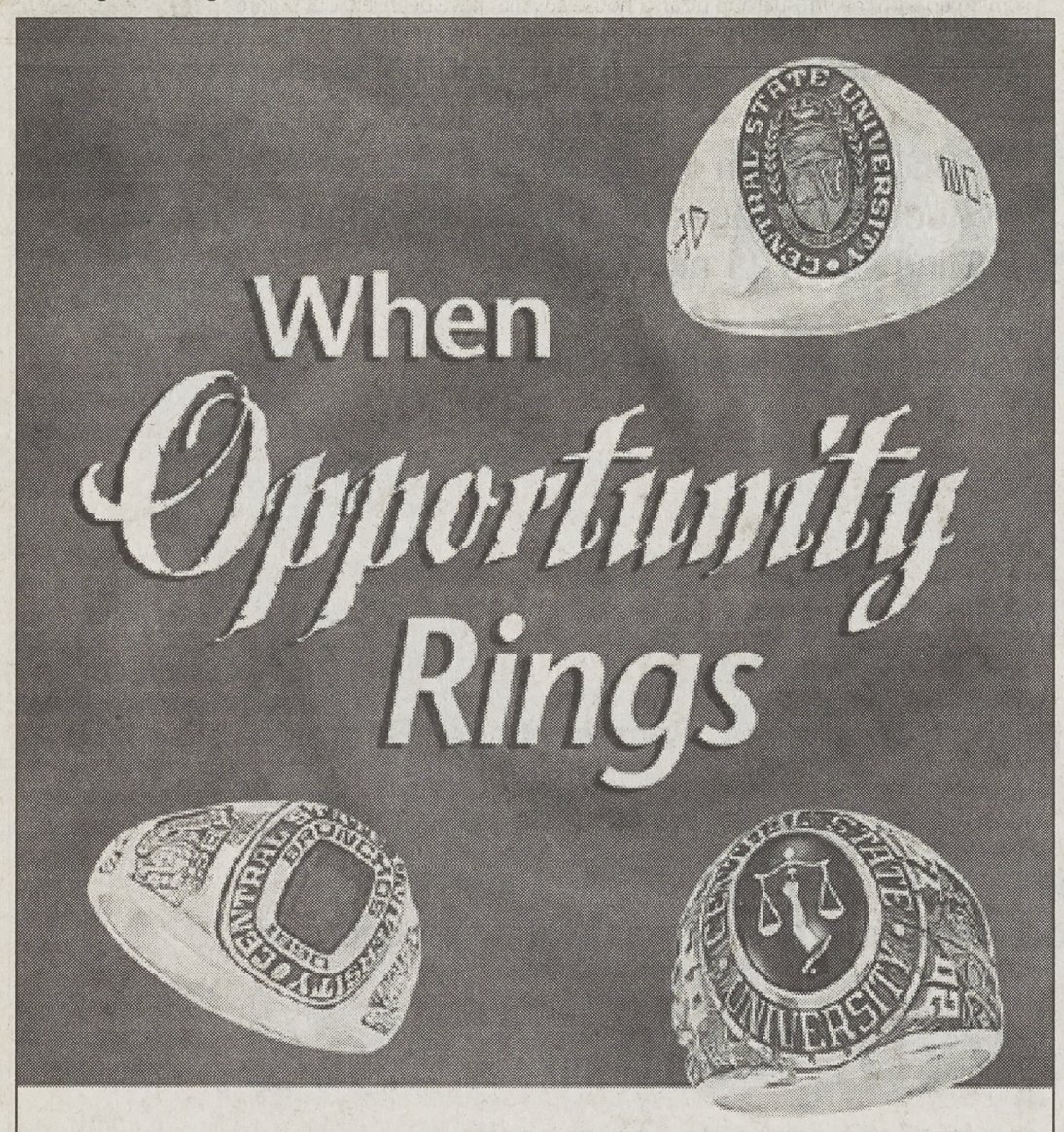
Saturday, May 24, 2003

College of Health and Human Services
8 a.m. - Hornet Stadium
Candidates assemble 7:30 a.m. (practice track)

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
0:00 a.m. - Outdoor Theatre
Candidates assemble 9:30 a.m. (practice track)

College of Business Administration
12 noon - Hornet Stadium
Candidates assemble 11:30 a.m. (practice track)

College of Education
6:00 p.m. - Hornet Stadium
Candidates assemble 5:30 p.m. (practice track)



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JONATHAN DAVIS, Track & Field
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Gerth's ties to the university will be hard to sever, he says

GERTH: From A1

College of Health and Human Services end-of-year function, and on to the Graduate Diversity Program award reception, then the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies scholarship program- all in one night.

His energy and work ethic are what make him the envy of all other CSU presidents, said CSU Chancellor Charles Reed.

"He works all the time, he's able to travel to Washington, Europe, Asia and he just keeps right on working," Reed said.

His professional activities have taken him to places like Portugal, the Philippines, Russia and China. He says Hong Kong is probably his favorite city in the world. He has close friends there.

Retirement for Gerth will not mean receding into the background. He will become part-time faculty emeritus, advise Washington on the international accreditation of universities, and continue to teach, write and read, like any lifelong academic should.

He'll also be outlining a book on the history of the California State University system, which he will write himself using documents he's amassed over his 45-year career with the CSU.

He's not the scary, powerful man some might assume a president to be. In fact, his wife says he's sometimes shy about himself. She also says he's honest and thoughtful and that he'll bring his work home and study issues affecting the university for hours, even if it's what she would call a "no-brainer."

Gerth takes his glasses off and twists the delicate metal frame between his thumb and forefinger, trying to conjure up details from his long career. He admits his memory isn't that great. He can't remember what his first year here was like, but he keeps all his old calendars and can look up the past in them.

He's certainly had a lot of calendars.

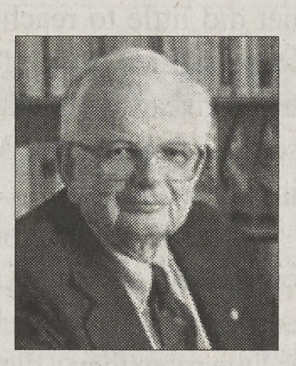
Gerth was born on Dec. 4, 1928 in Chicago.

He dropped out of high school at age 16 to attend the University of Chicago. Gerth graduated with his bachelor's degree from the university in 1947. His commencement was the last day his mother was out in public before collapsing from pancreatic cancer.

"There's no question that the University of Chicago is a big influence on my life, just like I hope Sac State has a big influence on a lot of students' lives," he said.

"I've always been a bit of a maverick ... I don't just do things because that's the way we've always done them."

-President Gerth



After getting his masters in 1951, he was summoned by an armed forces draft board that saw his academic achievements as sufficient. The board supposedly said to him, "I think that's about all the education anyone needs." He then enlisted in the Air Force to avoid being drafted.

Gerth met Bev while at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. After a week, Gerth asked her on a date.

"He wasn't the greatest dancer, and I like to dance," Bev remembered, but she liked his intelligence and the two shared a connection. After a month of seeing each other, things were going well.

"This is going to sound crazy to you," Gerth said to preface what happened next in their relationship. "I asked her to marry me. We had only known each other a month, and she said yes. I think we were both astounded."

That October they took their vows and have been a partnership for 48 years, proving to everyone who said they didn't know each other long enough that their love did last.

Gerth gives his wife a lot of credit for his successes.

"The big things she's done have to do with setting a tone. She's Bev to the students, they don't call her Mrs. Gerth. It's just the way she is," he said.

Bev, who is three years Gerth's junior, is another reason Gerth is retiring. Bev had two surgeries early this year, but emerged healthier than before.

"We need time to be together, to take care of each other. That's what people do when they're together a long time," he said.

Gerth then began his affiliation with the CSU, which has lasted for 45 years. But Gerth never really chose the CSU - it chose him.

He was planning on going to India to write about Indian politics when the offer to teach at San Francisco State fell onto him. "At that point we had our first daughter and we were sort of scrounging our way through life," he said.

At San Francisco State University, he was an associate dean of students and a government department member.

Somewhere Gerth found time to finish his thesis and earn his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago in 1963.

He next went to CSU Chico. Then the man whose friends always said he'd become a university president did when he became the second president of CSU Dominguez Hills in 1976.

He said he had received offers for presidencies out of state in the 1970s - offers he refused.

In November of 1983, he was appointed president of CSU Sacramento, much to the dismay of his university at the time. Eighty-six percent of the faculty signed a petition asking him not to leave Dominguez Hills.

Bev said that when they took their first drive to CSUS and got off the freeway, they were questioning whether they had made the right decision to come to a university with what she called a "very divisive" faculty and administrative relationship.

Retired economics professor Bob Curry had taught at the university on and off since 1970 and agreed that the years before Gerth were "turbulent years (during which) faculty and administration were at odds."

He says the main issues were governance of the university, deciding on policies, budget priorities and the mission of the university.

"With Gerth we had a guy who nominally, if not effectively, allowed leeway to let faculty have our way and have more of a say in governing the university," said Curry.

Gerth says his proudest achievement is really the students' achievement, and the nearly 99,000 diplomas he has signed.

And over 45 years he's developed a commitment to the CSU that can be found in his work - and his home's entryway. The Gerths have a specially-woven rug from Beijing in their hall with the CSU seal woven into it.

His inveterate dedication to the university will make it hard to sever his ties, he said.

But he has no doubt that his successor, Alexander Gonzalez, current president of CSU San Marcos, will have any problems with governing the university. "Alex is a competent, seasoned administrator and leader, and I think he is going to do very well," he said.

Once Gonzalez moves in on July 1, Gerth says he will be supportive if asked for help by Gonzalez, but otherwise he'll be detached.

"My role once I leave the presidency is to keep my hands off. Absolutely no question about that," he said. "And I'll have to work on it because we're not leaving town."

Gerth said he would like to see the continued development of the School of the Arts once he leaves and a downtown performing arts center built, even though he said some may disagree.

"I've always been a bit of a maverick ... I don't just do things because that's the way we've always done them," Gerth said.

Some would say his high points are the establishment of the School of the Arts, creation of the Center for California Studies, and the Office of Research, Graduate, and Extended Programs, which was first directed by Curry. "Those were three fundamental contributions that occurred because of him," Curry said.

A tribute was held in Gerth's honor two weeks ago.

At the tribute, the CSUS Community Advisory Board presented him with a painting of himself standing in front of what could be the 99,000 students he's seen graduate over the years. All his accomplishments from so many years of service came back to him that night.

He expects to receive a videotape of the event soon.

"Ten years from now when I'm a little older, I can't be much grayer, but a little older, it's going to be wonderful to be able to look at that," he said.

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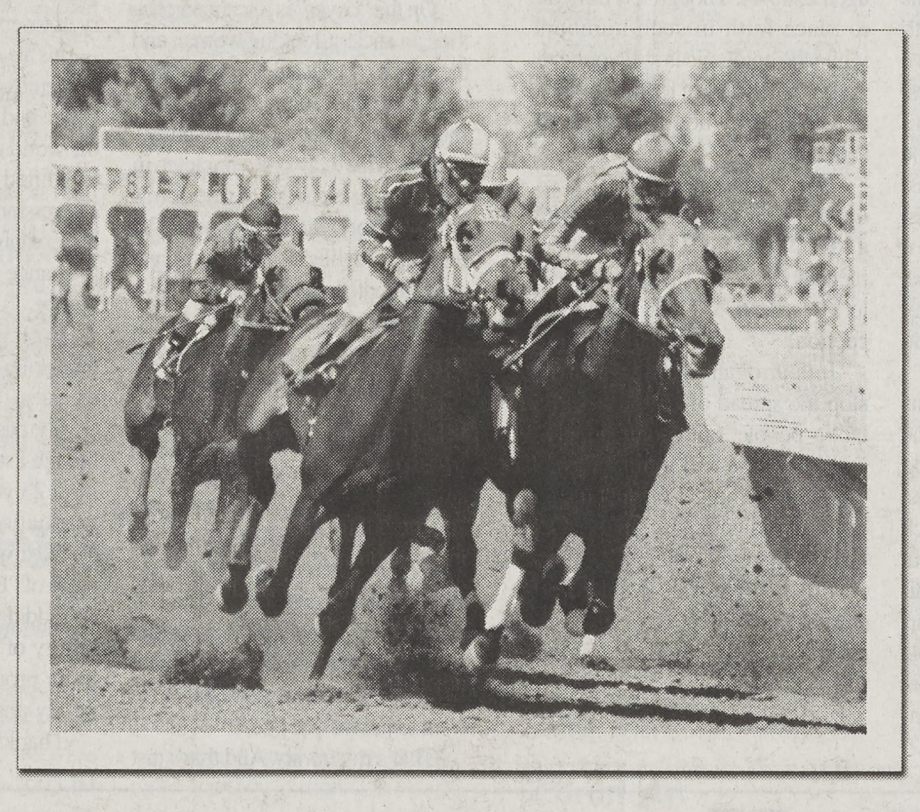
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State Hornet year in review

We're not perfect.

As we look back over the last year, *The State Hornet* editorial board sees plenty of things we should have done better. It's time to confess - and to encourage next year's staff to shove the bar a little higher.

We should have done a better job of copy editing and proofing our pages. Simple errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation reflect on the paper and, ultimately, the university. One reader this semester got so fed up with the mistakes that she sent a marked up copy of the paper to us, noting every error - and there were plenty.

ASI didn't get the kind of coverage it deserves. We recognize that ASI's political and administrative moves in its University Union third floor offices are just a small part of what ASI does, but our coverage did not reflect it. Of 100 stories and editorials that mentioned Sacramento State's student government, 89 focused on its Board of Directors or other "inside" matters, leaving the impression that our student government is little more than its elected officers.

The editors agreed that we should have done a better job of covering the ASI campaigns, especially in the weeks leading up to the election.

And we didn't do much to explain how student government is spending your money. One of the first stories for next year should dissect the 2003-04 ASI budget.

We should have done more to cover campus life, especially student academic and artistic achievement. There are dozens of great human interest stories on this campus of men and women overcoming adversity and aspiring to excellence.

Next year's staff should look for chances to trumpet student awards and profile extraordinary students.

The light coverage of campus life sprang from our tendency to isolate ourselves from the at-large student community.

The State Hornet has been critical of other self-distancing campus institutions - the administration and ASI in particular - but the Hornet did little to reach out to the campus aside from a few promotional giveaways last fall and sponsoring a forum on the Middle East in April.

We need to make better use of our online edition. As presently configured, www.statehornet.com is little more than a digital archive of the print edition, with exclusive online material occasionally thrown in when we run out of print space.

Next year's staff will promote our new Web site design and, owing to a bigger online staff, will look to post plenty of unique content, according to 2003-04 editor in chief Jaclyn Schultz.

We hope that next year's staff gets out of the office more than we did, takes the pulse of the campus and produces a paper that reports what students want to know... not just what it thinks they want. Raise the bar a notch or two higher.

Curing the disease of discrimination



Greg Kane

Imagine: You've busted your butt for the opportunity to take summer classes at a university on the other side of the world. Tuition is paid. Classes are scheduled. Plane tickets are secured. This will be a summer you'll never forget.

Then it happens: The university refunds your money, saying you are no longer allowed to take classes there.

The reason? People in your hometown have been afflicted by a deadly virus that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. SARS has killed more than 500 people and sickened thousands over the past few months.

You feel fine, of course, but it makes no difference. Your germs are not wanted.

Sound crazy? It happened last week, less than 100 miles from here, when the University of California, Berkeley – the birthplace of the Free Speech Movement – banned more than 400 summer students from SARS-afflicted areas in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The banned areas were chosen according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory list of areas to avoid due to the epidemic.

Health officials commended the decision, saying students coming from an epidemic area increase the risk of infecting other students. Civil rights advocates had a field day, however. "(The policy) excludes people from educational opportunities based only on their country of origin without any possible exceptions made for individual circumstances," said Diane Chin of the San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action in the San Francisco Chronicle May 7.

Is this racial discrimination? Or is it simply UC Berkeley officials trying to protect the vast majority of their students? The answer is neither... and both. And that's the problem.

Nobody can say UC Berkeley implemented the ban with cruel intentions toward the Asian students. This isn't George Wallace blocking the doors to black students in the 1960s. SARS is scary, and is spreading more rapidly than anything the world has seen in a long time. By shutting out students from epidemic-level areas, the university is sending a clear message that it wants to protect its students.

The problem is that SARS has already made its way to North America. More than 60 cases have been reported in the United States. In Canada, hundreds have been infected and 22 have died from the disease. Which begs two questions: How can banning students from epidemic areas stop transmission of the disease if it's already here? And, even if the ban did work, why aren't Canadian students being banned?

UC Berkeley should rethink its decision to impose the ban. If the students are healthy, they should be allowed to attend classes just like everybody else. If they are sick – and doctors know enough about the disease by now to make a diagnosis – then they should be quarantined and treated. It's a simple formula any institution of higher education should be able to understand.

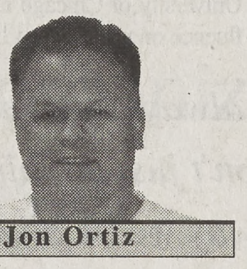
If recent studies are any indication, college-age students are young enough to shake the deadly disease anyway. According to a report in the Associated Press, less than 1 percent of patients aged 24 or younger die from SARS. That number rises to 6 percent for those aged 25 to 44. Though it is difficult to place faith in such numbers while the epidemic is still young, it is still encouraging to know that a diagnosis is by no means a death sentence.

Every time a new disease pops up, people immediately react with a "RUN FROM THE LEPER!" mentality, and UC Berkeley's knee-jerk response to SARS is no exception.

It is arrogant to think we can stop the spread of disease by isolating people, holding our breath and hoping it will go away. The world is learning to treat SARS, just as it did with AIDS, smallpox and a number of other epidemics.

Lift the ban, UC Berkeley. A student can't infect someone with a disease he doesn't have.

The portrait of a successful family



Jon Ortiz

The face staring back at me is 100 years old, but it looks a lot like me when I was a teenager.

"That's your great-grandpa when he was a boy," my mom says. "He was a drunk."

That was how I was introduced to my family last weekend. My great-grandfather, The Drunk.

My mother never talks much about her family. She grew up in Depression-era Arkansas, the only daughter of a railroad man and his wife. Polio struck her when she was a baby, knotting muscle and twisting bone, 20 years too soon for Salk's vaccine.

She wore bulky braces until she was in high school, often ridiculed by her peers and ignored by a social caste system that wouldn't tolerate people who were "different." Like "coloreds." Like "cripples."

So mom rarely talks much about her childhood, and I never ask. It's an unspoken agreement between us.

Then a distant cousin in Missouri - I have cousins in Missouri? - decided to do some research on our family history and put together a book of photos and stories. He tracked down my mom a few months ago and asked a bunch of questions. They corresponded. She told him about our California branch of the family. Actually, since it's just the two of us, we're more twig than branch.

We got a quarter of a page in the book.

It's not a book, really. More like a 30-page term paper a college sophomore might throw together the night before it's due: punctuation and grammar mistakes, spelling errors ("John Ortez") and uneven picture quality.

On the "cover" is a scanned photo of an ancient-looking woman and the words, "Dedicated to the memory of Etta Mae Guiren. Even though she is gone, her star burns brightly."

Etta Mae was one character in the 150-year-old story of my mom's family, a story filled with losers. The first page highlights my great-great great-grandfather's war service – as a soldier for the Confederate Army. Then there was my great-grandfather's uncle, who went to prison for stealing mail. Then The Drunk.

"I didn't like him much," my mom says to me. "Once, when I was in second grade, I got sent home because I had head lice. My grandfather (The Drunk) was there, so I decided to sit on his lap and rub my head all over him. And when I was in the fourth grade, he came to visit and got in a fight over some moonshine. He went to jail for that one."

That's my family. And that's just the stuff I can publish.

Even Etta Mae, my mom's aunt whose "star burns brightly," had a scandalous past. Though Mom didn't want to get into details, a picture of Etta Mae emerged of alcohol and illicit lovers, of abandoned children born out of wedlock.

That book would be pretty depressing if it ended at page 10 and Etta Mae. But starting with page 11, the book changes. People are smiling. Their hair is neatly combed. Their clothes fit better. They're at picnics and ball games and birthday parties.

By page 11, some of the pictures are in color. Here's a wedding! A newborn baby! A family reunion!

The "Ortez" section is at the bottom of page 12. There's my second grade picture... me, mugging for the camera with a gap-toothed, mischievous grin. And there's my mom's college graduation picture...

Graduation?

"Mom, I don't think I've ever asked you this before, but were you the first person in the family to get a college degree?" I ask.

"Yeah, I was," she says. She says that her father, a man not given to displays of emotion, cried when she received her diploma.

Mom is beaming. Although she graduated from a small Missouri college in 1955, I can tell she remembers it as though it happened last week.

Then I understand. The reason that my family looks so much better after page 10 is simple.

It's education.

I open the book again.

Here's a cousin who does research for an agricultural company. He graduated from college in 1962. Here's a banker, Kansas State, 1965. Look! I have an aunt who was mayor of Salem, Mo.! She graduated from Florida State in 1959.

The success stories - and the smiles - are woven throughout the remainder of the book.

And then I finally get the bigger picture: Our family album isn't a story of losers, but winners.

It's about how education has empowered us, how it's given us confidence and helped us make sense of the world and our place in it. Education lifted shoeless children of the Depression to lives as educators, public servants and nurses. It allowed us to change who we are and who we will be.

But it was my mother, that "poor little polio-stricken outcast," who set the pace.

She passed the baton on to me, although I stumbled and flailed for almost 23 years after my high school graduation before I understood.

Next week, when I hear the first notes of "Pomp and Circumstance," I'm adding another bright page in the history of our family. I couldn't be more proud of my education, my family and, especially, my mother.

Thanks, Mom. For everything.

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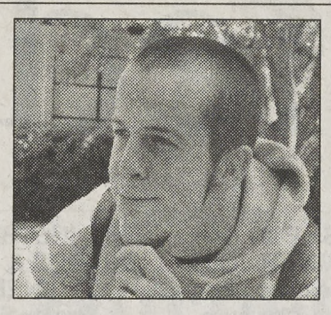
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If you were invited to be a speaker at graduation, what would you say?

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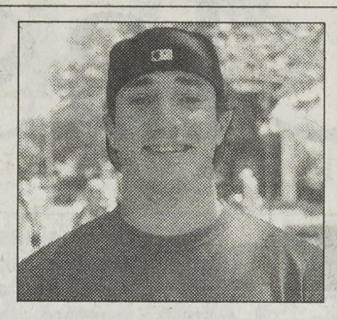
"I'd talk about eating tea and crumpets on a hot summer's day."

Jake Edwards
Art
Junior



"Take your time before you start your career and don't go broke at your first job."

K.J. Monteiro
Child Development
Senior



"My topic would be enjoy life and do everything you want to do so when you're lying in your death bed, you don't regret anything."

Danny Jardin
Communications
Junior



"Keep striving because a BA is not a lot now. You'll still be working at McDonalds."

Danielle Thrower
Theatre Arts
Senior



"I probably don't know any of you, but congrats. Don't stop partying and having fun."

Wesley Ambrose
Business
Junior

Wish they would have told me that



Margaret Friedman

Every semester the graduating staff members of the Hornet use their last column or story to espouse the wisdom they've gained in college or to share their concerns about the future. Well one thing I've learned in college is not to do what everyone else does. Here are a few suggestions for those not graduating yet, to help you make the most of your time here.

Learn what services the university offers and take advantage of them. Examine the statement of where your fees go to, then go to the respective departments and demand you get your money's worth.

Visit the ASI office; tell them you want to conduct a productivity audit to see if your investment is paying off.

Go to the health center and make sure you get all the visits you're entitled to.

While we're on the topic of money, here's an idea that will save a few bucks when it is your turn to graduate. Caps and gowns cost $35. That could be your cable bill, a week's worth of groceries or two weeks' worth of gas! If your high school cap and gown were black, use them again! It's not exactly an everyday outfit, why buy two of them? Go to the ASI office and pay five bucks for the current year's tassel and you're set.

Speaking of graduation (and this is serious!), you must make absolutely sure that you know exactly how many classes you need to graduate and hound the people down in admissions and records. If you don't ensure that things are running smoothly, then something will go wrong and you'll be stuck here for another semester. Turn in your graduation petition extra early and check with your department to make sure there aren't any requirements you've forgotten.

If your parents live here in town, visit them often and exploit their love while you still can. They'll be much more understanding when you show up at dinner time expecting food while you're still in school and you can use the poor college student excuse. They probably cook better than you do, and once you have a paying job, they'll start asking questions and wondering why you can't feed yourself.

One thing I've learned in college is not to do what everyone else does.

Spend as much time at the bar as possible (once you're 21, of course). Experiment with drinking times; see what it's like to get wasted at two in the afternoon. College is probably the only time you'll ever get away with having a hangover on a weekday. Future bosses and "adult" society will frown upon this type of behavior in general, so it's best to get it out your system now.

If you don't drink, stay out all night, take an impromptu road trip or buy something expensive. Do whatever wild thing it is you think won't be acceptable in the "real world."

College goes by faster than any of us care to admit, and it is an exceptional time when you are legally an adult yet still considered a kid by most of society. I say make the most of this dichotomy and have as many adventures as possible, while it's still acceptable to claim youth as an excuse for what some may consider reckless behavior.

The wrong road to Mr. Right



Lindsay Comstock

My best friend, "Samantha," was bawling when she called me last week. Her boyfriend had just broken up with her and she could barely compose herself enough to tell me what had happened. She said that she knew that their relationship was over, but that she didn't think she should keep going out and breaking up. It hurt too much.

"I don't even want to date anymore, because it always causes someone pain," Samantha said to me, choking back tears.

The conversation was all too familiar. I don't know how many times I have consoled friends with relationship troubles, or they have done the same for me. And with each relationship that I go through (not that I have been through that many), it just seems as if my standards go up another notch.

"Won't make that mistake again," I tell myself.

And that's what the dating game is all about, right?

Although it can hurt, we date to figure out what kind of qualities we like in a member of the opposite sex, even though along the way we may have to put up some emotional walls.

Dating is kind of like shopping for a new car. You kick the tires and drive a few lemons before you find the one that has all of the features you desire. And if you are patient, maybe you can find one that will be reliable and suit your individual needs.

But ever since I started taking upper division classes here at Sacramento State, I noticed something. My junior and senior colleagues aren't shopping around any more. Forget about dating. Forget the test drive. They're married.

Just look around while the professor is droning on and on, and notice just how many people are sporting metal on their left ring finger. Your local Diamond and Gold Vault store has less wedding jewelry than an upper division classroom at Sac State.

It's different than last year when I was a sophomore. It seems as though Sacramento State is an alternate universe where everyone has gold or platinum wedding bands.

And I am not just talking about the older students who have decided to go back to college. Many of these students are very young. When did being single and living it up in college go out of style? Is it just a thing of the past?

I am only 20, but yet it seems as of my pickings have suddenly become slim. For that single guy or girl, the thought of having to glance at the ring finger before asking someone on a date can be kind of, well, discouraging to say the least.

But then it occurred to me that maybe this is just a Sac State thing. Ever visit San Diego State or even UC Davis for that matter? A majority of students wouldn't be caught dead sporting commitment diamonds.

Look at the national marriage statistics for 20-somethings. The average age for tying the knot continues to rise, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, which reports that the average age is late 20's. At the same time, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that nearly 50 percent of these marriages end in divorce. Our generation is driven by the quest for individual success. We're the children of divorce. And we are not eager to repeat it ourselves.

So maybe Sac State is just an absurdity in the bunch of college campuses. Or maybe the reason so many here have already tied the knot has something to do with the fact that it is a commuter school. Or maybe it's because 37 percent of students here are over the age of 25.

Either way, having your professor tailor class discussion topics to the experiences of married people is more than a little odd when you're still single. Last year, the only men I met would run away like dogs with their tails caught between their legs at the thought of commitment. Now my classes are full of married guys.

And it's not like I'm looking for it right now either. But like I said, slim pickings.

So, even on campus two conflicting societal standards seem to haunt me. One that says women should be independently successful, and the other that says that in college women are supposed to find "the one" that you will live happily ever after with.

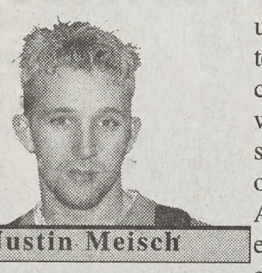
I am one of those women who grew up on the cliched version of love in those fairytales where even if you ate a poisonous apple somewhere along the way, your prince charming was still there to rescue you at the end. But I also live in a time that says women should be liberated and don't need men to make them happy. We really don't.

I have plenty of goals for myself, and honestly, I don't know how I am supposed to fit time into these plans for a healthy marriage. I know that I have a lot of self-discovery to do first.

But, part of me just hopes that in the end, when I have seen the world, my prince charming will be there waiting for me in a sexy, but reliable, sports car.

I know that Samantha would agree.

Survival of the college fittest



Justin Meisch

Ding, ding, ding!

The bell is sounding one last time and it's not the last call at your local pub. It's the final round of your last battle against the Sacramento State system. Finals week.

Another chapter is coming to a close. Unfortunately, some students are going to be rewriting some of these same chapters next semester if they can't keep from drowning in a tidal wave of final exams.

Spring semester seems like the last rounds of a boxing match. You've been pounding the books, cramming for midterms, and kissing professor butt since August.

For all you students still catching up on sleep or recuperating from spring break, wake up. No more fun for the next 10 days. No more parties until after finals. There's no sense being knocked out by a series of double shots going into finals. Alcohol will only numb the pain of failure.

An assault of multiple term papers is like a left jab followed by a blazing right hook. Students are probably feeling like Rocky Balboa and Apollo Creed.

What are we fighting for? We're certainly not getting paid yet. And there's no press conference on ESPN if we get straight As. What's the payoff? Simple: Personal satisfaction and the notoriety of excellence.

Don't flake out now. Get back up off the ground and hit those final chapters with a fury of punches. The big dog can't eat you if you knock out all its teeth.

For those students following the motto "Cs Get Degrees," think again.

It's pride. It's victory. It's survival.

Here's how you can train for Finals Week:

Don't train alone–get in a study group. Get food. Get drinks. And recruit as many students as possible who are smarter than you.

Caution: Some beverages can lead to the blurring of formulas and unpredictable distortions of historical context. Stick with coffee or some other form of pick-me-up. Also, though scientifically untested, students report that ordering extra pepperoni has led to a higher level of retaining knowledge.

Avoid distractions. No laptops. This is quick access to your music play list. The only song you need to listen to is "Eye of The Tiger" before you head to the classroom.

Have a fight plan. Don't think so much about the later rounds that you get overwhelmed. Set up a series of goals and then reach them one at a time. Don't be intimidated by all the finals that you're facing. You can eat an elephant if you take it one bite at a time.

Stay calm in the ring. Deep breaths. An unavoidable problem is days with multiple exams. Fifteen minutes is the only break students have with back-to-back finals on the same day. That's just enough time to run to the bookstore and buy another scantron. Panic only makes the pressure worse.

Break out the good luck charms. Bring your lucky pen, four-leaf clover, or rabbit's foot—whatever helps you out. According to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "Millions of normally rational students turn irrationally superstitious during final exams. Students alleviate anxiety by practicing their rituals, the same way baseball players, actors and soldiers cling to superstition." Hey, whatever works.

There's no cut-man and no water-guy in your corner. It's only you. You're in the middle of the ring at a moment you knew was coming. Don't back down.

Don't follow the Who Cares Method: "If you don't know it by now—you're not gonna learn it the night before." This is the motto for all students still hungover from high school who don't really care.

Stay focused. You can do it.

Readers' Forum

Re: HomeTeam response to elections

On behalf of the HomeTeam and the Brandon A. Kline Political Action Committee, we were proud to be a part of the 2003-04 elections. Although the results weren't altogether optimal, I am pleased to have been a part of such an awesome process that models our nation's democracy.

Chris Lange and I will continue to fight for an arena that CSUS Hornets will be proud of...without raising fees. The members of the HomeTeam will continue to support people like Terry Wanless, Coach Mooshagian, Ryan Leadingham, the Women's Rowing Team, gymanstics and other sporting groups that make a true difference on campus.

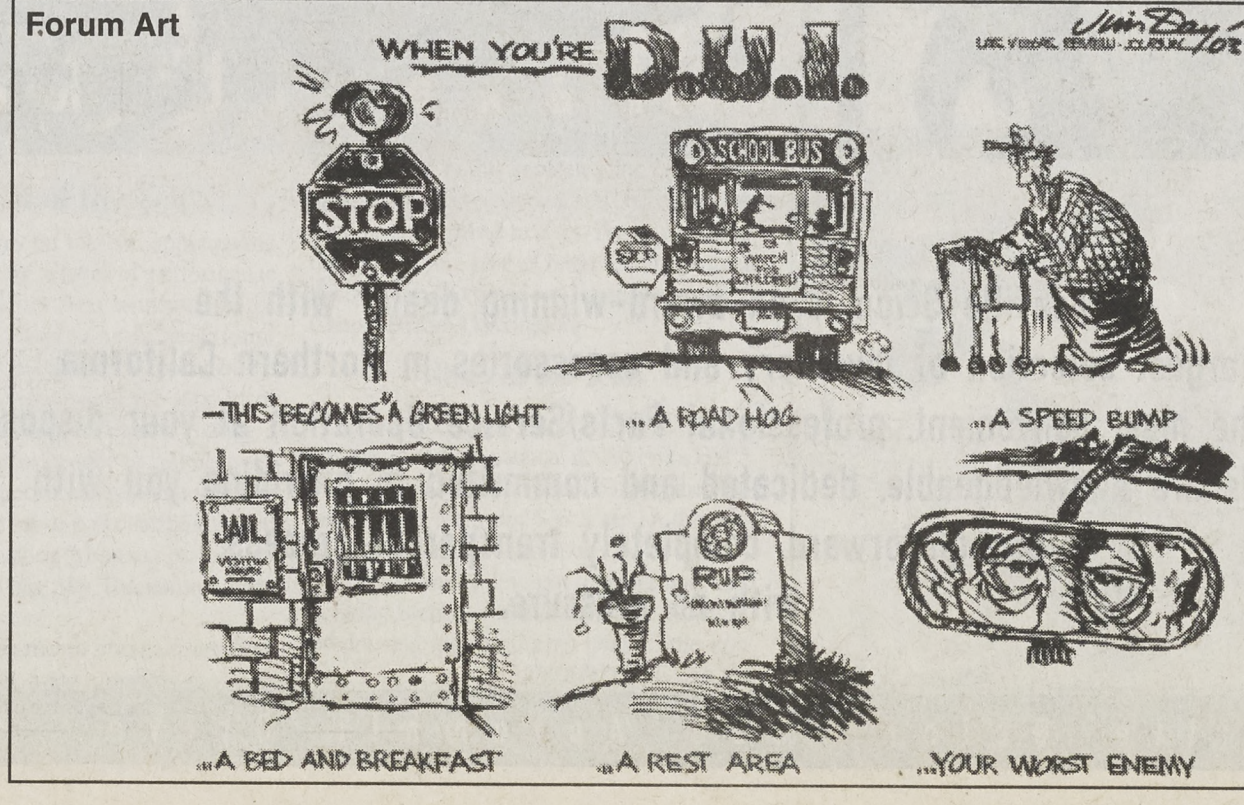
Most importantly, I will continue to make Sacramento State my home and alma mater, which I am always proud to belong to. We will continue to advocate more parking, building on-campus housing for 5,000 students and a performing arts hall that could be used for athletic events, concerts, winter commencement ceremonies, lectures, etc.

Students need to start caring more for their campus. It's sad that the same old issues have come up where the candidates promise to improve issues such as parking, but they don't give solutions. In the end, a man's word is his bond; and it is all he has in the changing fortunes of time...and Brandon Kline is not a quitter or a sore loser.

BAKpac will continue to provide scholarships for underrepresented students and for assistance to first-time college students. I will continue at CSUS until my work is done. The HomeTeam now turns its support behind our student body President and his new administration. For we are all unity...we are all vision...we are all on the HomeTeam...we are all Hornets.

Brandon Kline
CSUS

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Christian Brothers High School alum, junior Bobby Ciani had two hits, two RBI, scored two runs and walked in a win at Washington State on Sunday.

TENNIS TEAMS FALL

The Sacramento State men and women's tennis teams both fell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament over this past weekend.
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NBA PLAYOFF NOTEBOOK

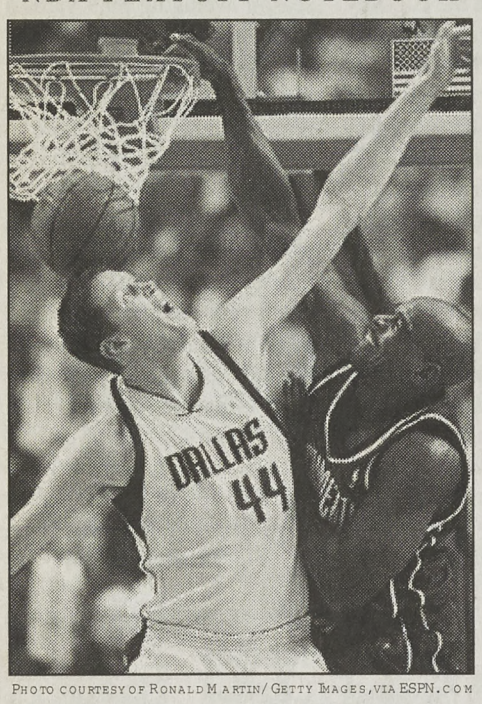


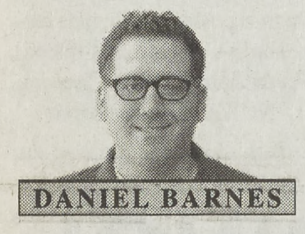
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Before he injured his knee, Chris Webber introduced Shawn Bradley to this monster dunk.

Kings-Mavs series shows no sign of 'D'

The Sacramento Kings and _allas Mavericks are two of the most explosive teams in NBA history, and their secon_-roun_ playoff series has been a buffet of offensive ability.

Chris Webber rolling in the unconteste_ layup. Steve Nash hitting the wi_e open three. Shawn Bra_ley pirouetting out of Peja Stojakovic's path to the basket. Nick Van Exel with another wi_e open three.



DANIEL BARNES

Hey, will someone please guar_ the _amn ball?

Seriously though, I enjoy a home run derby as much as the next guy, but this is getting ridiculous.

We all knew coming in that Dallas *couldn't* defend — Dirk Nowitzki and Shawn Bradley cover the ballhandler like mother deer playing against her own injured fawn — but who thought Sacramento simply *wouldn't* defend?

The numbers have been staggering — Dallas scored an NBA-record 83 points in the first half of Game 2, while the last-place Denver Nuggets averaged 84 points per game over the entire season.

The Kings have proved they can put up points in bunches without Webber, while the Mavs proved they could probably put up points

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Baseball wins finale against Pac 10's WSU

DANNY PINTO
State Hornet

The Sacramento State baseball team took their last, long road trip of the season this past weekend as they dropped two of three games to Washington State at Bailey-Brayton Field.

The Hornets dropped the first game on Friday as they were not able to match run for run with the Cougars in a 17-11 loss. WSU assaulted the Hornets' pitching staff by producing 20 hits.

"Friday was a case where we just couldn't stop the bleeding," head coach John Smith said. "We'd score, then they'd score. They just had a little bit more."

The Cougars' offense got started early and countered a two-run Hornet first inning with three runs in the bottom of the first and another run in the bottom of the second to take a 4-2 lead.

WSU put up five runs in the third inning, four in the fifth, one in both the sixth and seventh and two in the eighth.

The loss brought an end to the Hornets' season-high four-game road winning streak, but the game also saw senior Tim Reimer increase his season-long hitting streak to 10 games.

Saturday's game brought much of the same offensive output from the Cougars. The same

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Hornet guard to take nation by storm

JIMMY SPENCER
State Hornet

Joel Jones is ready to take off – and he plans on bringing Sacramento State basketball with him.

The six-foot-five senior guard is chasing a dream high above any horizon Sacramento State basketball has ever seen.

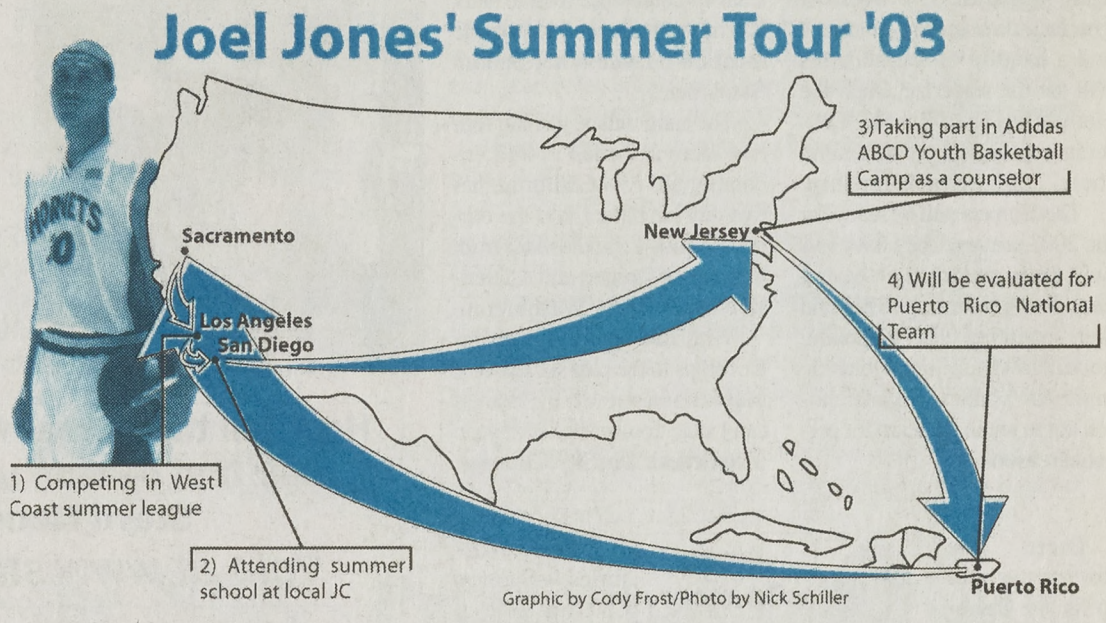
It's every child's dream to play in the NBA. However, most of us start realizing that the dream is far from a reality sometime between getting braces and getting our drivers license.

For others, the fantasy still remains a reality.

Sac State men's basketball player Joel Jones still has that vision, and the possibility of it becoming a truth is becoming increasingly more possible. The San Diego native is glaring at his final season at Sac State, and the future is staring back with welcoming eyes.

"If I don't get hurt, I am going to make the

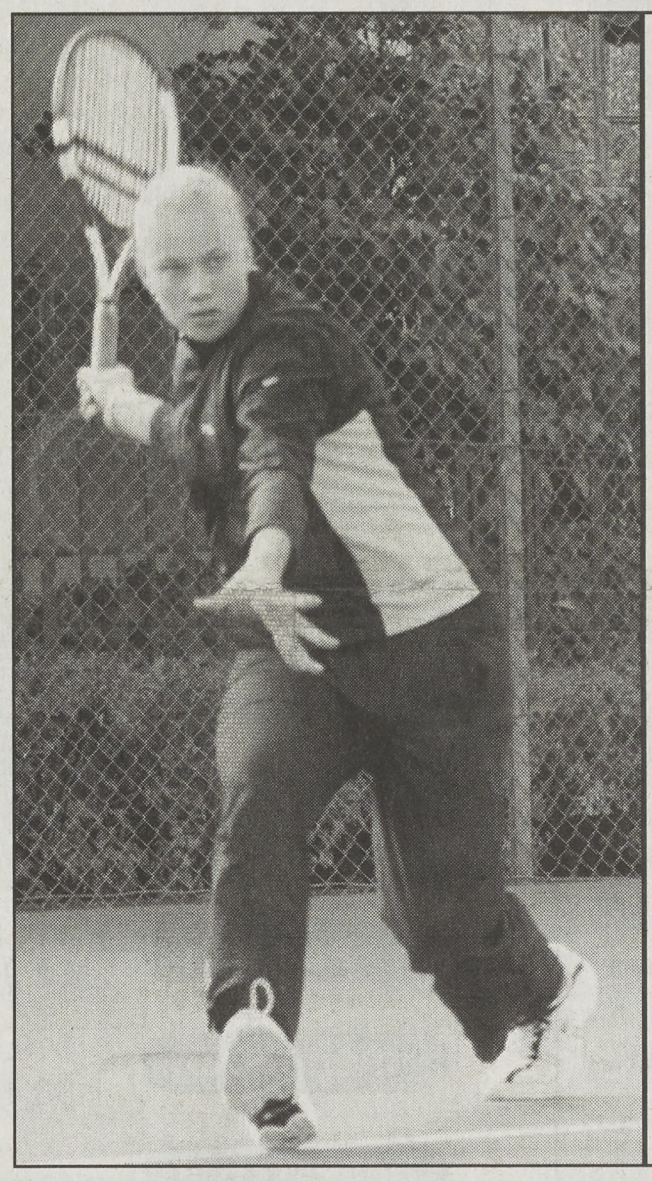
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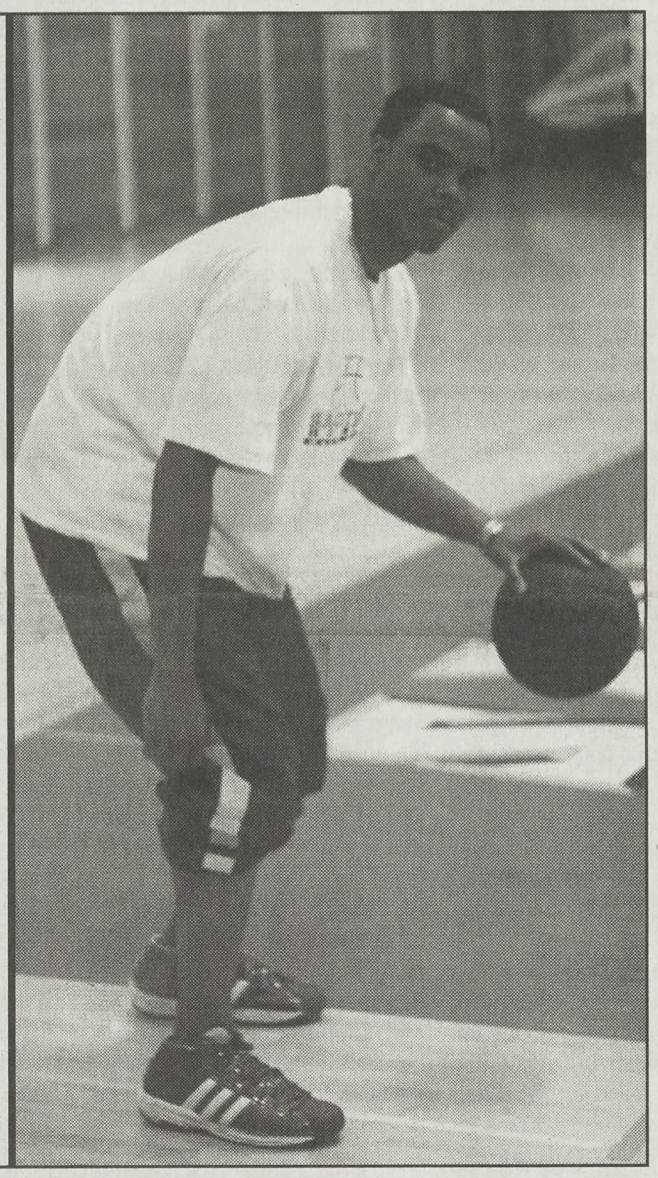
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The State Hornet

End of the Year Awards



PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



Women's tennis player Margarita Karnaukhova is the State Hornet's Women's Player of the Year. Hornet basketball forward Derek Lambeth is the Men's Player of the Year. Both players were named first-team all-Big Sky for their performances this season.

KARNAUKHOVA PHOTO BY KATIE JOHNSON, LAMBETH PHOTO BY NICK SCHILLER/STATE HORNET

ANDRIA WENZEL
State Hornet

Margarita Karnaukhova's upset bid over No. 10-ranked Jewel Peterson of the University of Southern California ended abruptly in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

After taking the first set 6-3, the rest of the match was called off when the Trojans clinched the victory due to wins in the other singles matches.

Posting an 11-4 singles record and a 14- 4 doubles record while battling an injured back throughout the season, Karnaukhova was the only possible choice for Big Sky Most Valuable Player.

"I think that if she stays healthy and

Female Player of the Year



Margarita Karnaukhova

Tennis

works hard she definitely has a chance of winning the NCAA (singles) tournament," said head coach Bill Campbell, who recruited Karnaukhova from her native Russia.

She led the Hornets to a No. 64 ranking and lost only one point in the first two rounds of the Big Sky Tournament before retiring due to her back injury in

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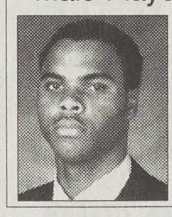
NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

The 2002-03 men's basketball season should have ended two weeks earlier than it did. The Hornets were on the brink of elimination, trailing by five points at the half against Montana State, needing a win to advance to their first-ever Big Sky Tournament.

It was do-or-die time, and one senior wasn't ready to see his career end without even a glimpse of postseason action. Derek Lambeth scored 23 points in that second half, guiding the Hornets to a convincing 72-52 win.

The next week, Lambeth scored 24 points in the Hornets' upset win over

Male Player of the Year



Derek Lambeth

Basketball

Montana in the Big Sky Tourney.

"To cap it off the way we did was just unbelievable," Lambeth said. "I had my whole family there, some people who hadn't been to the games or seen me since I've been in college."

The Hornet senior was given first-team all-Big Sky honors, finishing the year averaging 12.8 points. But Lam-

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A look back on the good and bad... Oh, and PAM too

HORNET STAFF

Moment of the Year

The crowd was on its feet, appreciating and complimenting a level of performance that had never before been witnessed in the confined area of Hornet Gym. Derek Lambeth – "The Man" on this night – applauded the efforts of his teammates and the support of the Sacramento State faithful after exiting a game he will forever be able to call his own.

The 25-point performance, including five 3-pointers, erased a five-point halftime deficit and forced the visiting Montana State Bobcats to watch the Big Sky Tournament from their dorm rooms.

With the win, Lambeth's home court send-off resulted in Sac State clinching the sixth spot in the Big Sky postseason tournament.

When 20 points separated the two teams and the final horn sounded, head coach Jerome Jenkins succumbed to tears. For one extraordinary evening, Hornet basketball resembled the tradition and grace we're used to seeing in Chapel Hill and Lexington.

Story of the Year

Who could forget when the Sac State campus was the talk of national news? From ESPN interviews to Jay Leno's monologue, the Hornet football team put Sac State on the map with one little can of aerosol.

The defensive line got together and used cooking utensils for an alternative function, by dousing their uniforms with a little non-

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Defensive lineman Brad Osterhout, No. 98, sprayed fellow teammate Ben Fox with PAM, a non-stick cooking spray, during a game with Montana.

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Predicting the future of Hornet athletics...



Trina Book
Volleyball

The Sacramento State volleyball team will carry on this fall, sights set on winning a second-straight Big Sky Championship.

Debby Colberg's volleyball team will be hitting the court again in August. Two weeks of grueling double day practices and a handful of tournaments will set the stage for when the Hornets head into Big Sky Conference play and try to defend their 2002 Championship.

The Hornets will be ready for the 2003 season. They have lost only three seniors, they have a very strong returning roster and their recruiting class is looking good. However, junior outside hitter Ali Mathewson has chosen not to rejoin the team for personal reasons.

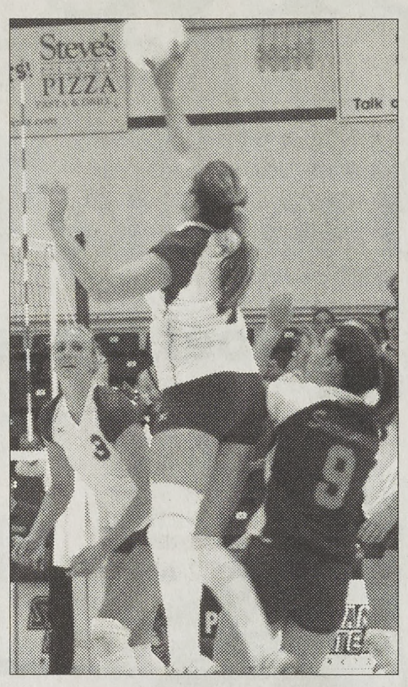
They will be returning with lots of depth, including Big Sky Tournament MVP and first team all-conference player Lisa Beauchene.

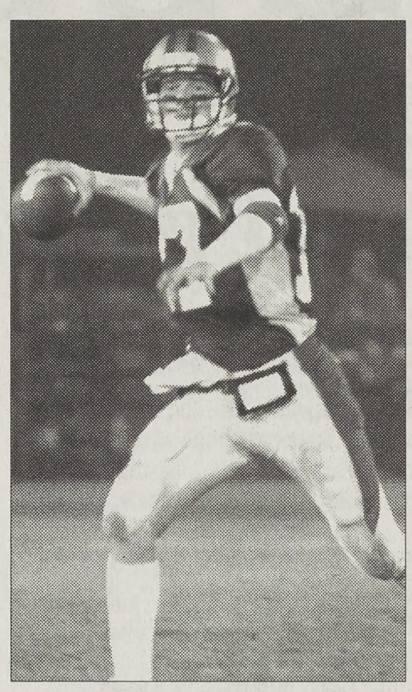
They will also return second team all-conference middle hitter Kazmiera Imrie and honorable mention outside hitter Sandra Bandimere.

The team will be gaining four new faces in the fall as well. Incoming are two California native outside hitters, and the others, a 6-foot-1 middle hitter from the state of Oregon and a defensive libero from Washington.

With five conference championships in the past six seasons, there is no reason why the Hornets can't snag another one next year.

Prediction: Big Sky Champs







Andria Wenzel
Football

Nobody is predicting an upset win over Oregon State in the Aug. 28 season opener, but a winning season in the Big Sky and a UC Davis thrashing (given out, not received) shouldn't be too much to ask from new head coach Steve Mooshagian.

With former head coach John Volek out, the Hornets should be focused on playing the game instead of shifting around lineups for various suspensions or scheduling interviews with ESPN to discuss alternative uses of everyone's favorite non-stick cooking spray.

Ryan Leadingham, who broke the all-time passing record in just his sophomore season, has plenty more to be happy about – wide receivers Fred Amey and Kenan Smith are returning to the starting lineup. Amey, the leading receiver last season averaging 89.9 yards a game, should be ready to hold his opponents at ransom. And if opposing defenses double-team Amey, Smith will be there to burn the defensive backs on the other side of the field.

The word is already getting around to the rest of the Big Sky quarterbacks that next year they could very possibly be decapitated if Kelly Micco breaks through the opposing offensive line. As for the secondary, Ramon Payne's switch to cornerback should help seal a defense that allowed more yards than any other in the Big Sky.

Prediction: 7-4

How will the Hornet football team fair in their first season under head coach Steve Mooshagian?
Vote at www.statehornet.com



Jimmy Spencer
Women's Hoops

There is nowhere to go but up for the Sacramento State women's basketball team.

It will only take four wins for new head coach Dave Muscatell to improve upon last year's 3-24 record.

He will do it with a more experienced Hornet team that returns all five of their regular starters, led by star senior Sydney Gatson and leading scorers Sarah Craig (12.2 points) and Katelyn Ciampi (9.6 points). Center Danielle Iceman and point guard Dolores Olivarez are also likely to get the starting nod.

Center Kristine Knowlton will provide a shot-blocking presence off the bench, while Megan Moon provides depth at the guard position.

The overall health of the team should be enough to overcome last year's dismal record.

A hoard of injuries – Sydney Gatson with a herniated disk and broken nose, Katelyn Ciampi with a lower leg stress fracture and countless others – left the team with seven healthy players at one point during the season.

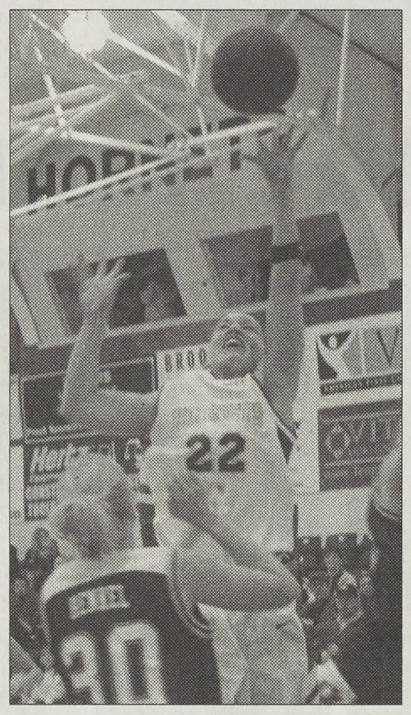
The team will need to improve upon its interior aggressiveness if they have any chance of improving next season.

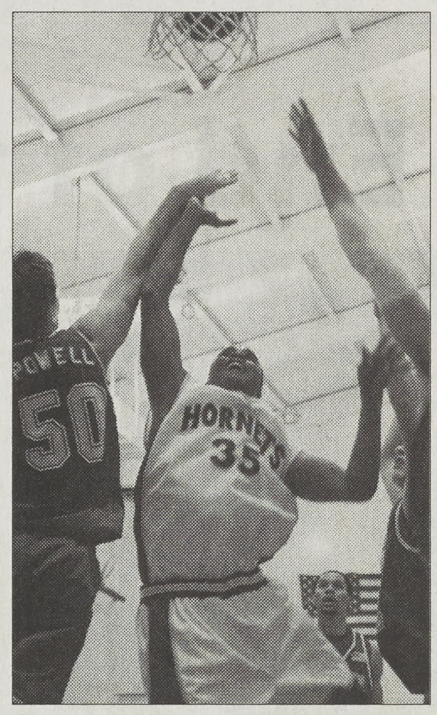
They must also improve on their overall shooting, ball control and defense – also known as *everything*.

A coaching change proved necessary and it will likely shake up a flat team.

A new style of play, a different attitude and a more aggressive mentality is very necessary for a team that wants to see a turnaround.

Prediction: 10 wins is possible





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Nicholas Lozito
Men's Hoops

Despite losing their top-three scorers to graduation, the men's hoops team should still contend for a Big Sky Championship next season. With Div. I transfers Jameel Pugh and E.J. Harris set to take the court, coupled with the probable return of Joel Jones, Joseth Dawson and David Joiner from academic ineligibility, the Hornets will be extremely deep in the backcourt next year.

At point guard, the 6-foot-3 Harris will battle with sophomore DaShawn Freeman. Head coach Jerome Jenkins would be wise to redshirt Freeman if Harris takes the starting job. Dawson, who was the team's leading scorer two years ago, will battle with Pugh and senior sharp shooter Brandon Guyton for time at shooting guard.

At small forward, Jones is a lock for the starting spot while Joiner will back him up. Emir Medunjanin will most likely redshirt the season if Jenkins returns all of his ineligible players. Freshmen recruits, power forward Aaron Perry and small forward Jason Gilzene, are also candidates to redshirt.

In the frontcourt, Tony Champion, Chris Lange and Cedric Thompkins will battle for the power forward and center positions. 6-foot-10 center Djibril Diop will provide depth in the post.

If the Hornets can return their academic casualties, they should battle with Eastern Washington for the conference crown. Oh yeah, and Jameel Pugh is possibly collegiate basketball's greatest dunker..

Prediction: Big Sky Champs, NCAA Tourney Berth

Hornets knock off Cougars in Sunday slugfest

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could not be said for the Hornets.

The Cougars feasted on Sac State pitching and put up double-digit runs for the second day in a row as they defeated the Hornets 14-5.

Sac State got out to a 5-0 lead after three innings, but weren't able to muster any more runs or avoid the onslaught.

Freshman Mel Cuckovich pitched well early, but was tagged with the loss (0-2) after giving up six runs in 5 1-3 innings. The bullpen was shelled for the other eight runs, including five runs in the bottom of the eighth inning that put the game out of reach.

Sunday brought a much "sunnier" outcome for the Hornets in a 15-14 see-saw-win that was called after seven innings because of rain.

The first two games of the three-game set saw the Hornets strike first, only to lose the lead and the game on both occasions. This time, the Cougars drew first blood with two runs in the first inning.

The Hornets answered with a vengeance in the top of the second. They would touch home seven times to take a 7-2 lead after the second. The seven runs were produced with just two swings of the bat.

The first four runs came off the bat of sophomore Brett LeVier, when he hit a grand slam to bring home juniors John Acha and Bobby Ciani and sophomore Matt Wilson.

Later in the inning, Olsen hit a three-run homer to open up the Hornet lead to five runs.

However, the Cougars scored six times off Hornet starter James Wheeler and reliever Joe Guntz to take the lead, 8-7.

They would add to the advantage with another two runs in the third.

In the top of the fourth, Olsen added a fifth RBI to his day's total as he tripled in Everett Rincon. Ciani later doubled in a run and LeVier hit into a fielder's choice that scored an additional run, putting the Hornets ahead, 11-10.

Once again, the lead would not hold up for long.

The Cougars scored two runs and recaptured the lead at 12-11 in the bottom of the fourth.

In the fifth, the Hornets took the lead for good as they plated three runs to take a 14-12 lead. Schmidt, Acha and Ciani each had RBI hits in the inning.

The Hornets would add one more run in the seventh.

Junior Marshall Plouffe pitched the final four innings of the rain-shortened game to up his record to 6-2 on the year and Reimer singled in the first to extend his hitting streak to 12 games.

The Hornets moved to 31-23 after the weekend in Washington and have three games left in their season, a home series with San Francisco beginning on Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

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SUSANA BRAMBILA, Athletic Training

As nominated by the athletic training clinical instructors, senior Susana Brambila has been named Hornet Bookstore Athlete of the Week/Outstanding Student Athletic Trainer for the spring of 2003. The Woodland, Calif., native has worked tremendously hard at all clinical sites in which she has been assigned, earning the respect and admiration of student-athletes and coaches. She is currently the president of the Student Athletic Training Club. As a freshman, she participated in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and is still active in a variety of campus activities. She is a kinesiology major (athletic training concentration) with a 3.37 gpa. An avid soccer player, her future plans are to continue her education by attending physical therapy school.

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Tennis squads fall in tourney

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Women

The Sacramento State women's tennis team ended their season on Friday after a 4-0 loss to the No. 5-ranked University of Southern California in the first round of the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships.

The Hornets started off rocky in the doubles matches. At No. 2, USC's Luana Magnani and Gabriela Anita Loyola defeated Roberta Fessenko and Amanda Sanches, 8-4. At No. 3, Trojans Carine Vermeulen and Melissa Essinero defeated Petra Abraham and Christina Rivieccio, 8-0.

At No. 1, Margarita Karnaukhova and Ann Roslund did not finish their match as the doubles point was won by Southern California.

In singles play the Trojans jumped out and won the first three matches to win. At No. 4, Bryner defeated Abraham (6-1, 6-0). At No. 5, Vermeulen defeated Sanches (6-1, 6-1) and then at No. 6, Esmero defeated Rivieccio (6-1, 6-1).

Karnaukhova, the Big Sky Most Valuable Player, won the only set for the Hornets. She had a win over No. 10-ranked Petersen (6-3), however due to the USC victory they did not finish the second match.

The Hornets ended the season 16-8. They tied a program-record as four players were named to the Big Sky All-Conference team. Karnaukhova and Fessenko were named to the first team while Roslund was named to the second team and Abraham received honorable mention honors.

Head Coach Bill Campbell was also named Big Sky Coach of the Year for the second-consecutive year.

TRINA BOOK
State Hornet

Men

Sacramento State men's tennis team ended their season against No. 4 Cal in the first round of the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships Saturday afternoon, falling 4-0.

The 2003 Big Sky Conference Champions ended their season at 12-16.

The Golden Bears received their first point of the match after two doubles wins. Cal's No. 1 team of Steve Berke and Robert Kowalczyke, ranked No. 8 in the nation, defeated Nick Sheehan and Anders Albertsen, 8-1.

Cal then took the doubles point after Patrick Briaud and John Paul Fruttero defeated Peter Farkas and Lewis Van Splunteren, 8-3 at No. 2. Because of this win the No. 3 match was not finished.

During singles play, Cal quickly earned three wins to capture the match.

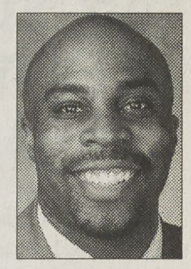
The first point came at No. 3 when Or Dekel defeated Jakub Silva, 6-0, 6-1.

Conor Niland, ranked No. 36 in the nation, defeated Albertsen at No. 2, 6-1, 6-0, for the second point. Then at No. 1, Fruttero closed out the day for Cal by defeating Sheehan, 6-0, 6-1.

This was the Hornets' fourth appearance in the NCAA Tournament in the last five years.

Jenkins gets extension

ANDRIA WENZEL
State Hornet



Hornet men's basketball coach Jerome Jenkins recently signed a two-year contract extension worth $70,000 per year.

Head men's basketball coach Jerome Jenkins was given a new contract on May 6.

With only one year remaining on a contract that would pay him $65,000 a season, athletic director Terry Wanless elected to give Jenkins an automatic two-year rollover contract.

The new contract will have to be renewed each year by the university and will start paying Jenkins $70,000 in the 2003-04 season.

Jenkins' third season with the Hornets resulted with a 12-17 record overall and a 5-9 record in the Big Sky, both records were the best ever posted by the Hornets in their 12-year Div. I history.

Jenkins won only three games his first season at the helm, and improved to 9-19 last year. Aside from the numbers, Sac State also made their first Big Sky Tournament appearance this season and upset Montana in the first round before falling to Weber State in the semi-finals.

Last week, Wanless named former Oregon assistant Dan Muscatell head coach of the women's basketball team.. He was signed to a three-year deal at $70,000 preseason.

Jones: If I don't get hurt, I'll make the NBA

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NBA," Jones said. "Whether I do it next year, or the year after that, eventually I will be in the NBA."

Jones' size, athletic ability and versatility, combined with his strong work ethic and desire will allow him the chance to prove himself worthy of the NBA, and he is not ready to let it slip by.

After finishing up finals this spring, Jones will be in and out of basketball gyms, weight rooms, camps and, once again, classrooms.

The 21 year-old will travel back to his hometown of San Diego where he will attend summer school at a local junior college. On the weekends he will drive back and forth to Los Angeles to compete in a West Coast summer league for college athletes.

In July, Jones will travel to the East Coast to take part in the adidas ABCD camp as both a master and a pupil. Following the instruction portion of the camp for the younger participants, where he will work as a counselor, Jones will work out with pro trainers and receive instruction from some of the game's top minds.

Next on Jones' long agenda will be San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he will be evaluated to play for the Puerto Rican National Team. Last summer Jones was selected to the Puerto Rican all-star team and placed second in their slam-dunk contest while playing with the Bayamon Vaqueros .

Jones is accustomed to making transitions – moving to Sacramento and traveling around the country has become a familiarity to Jones. His genuine attitude and strong work ethic has carried him wherever he has gone.

Joel, or "JoJo" as his friends call him, is a sincere, outgoing kind of guy ready to make the most of his college experience both on and off the court. He has found a home here at Sac State with a second family – his team.

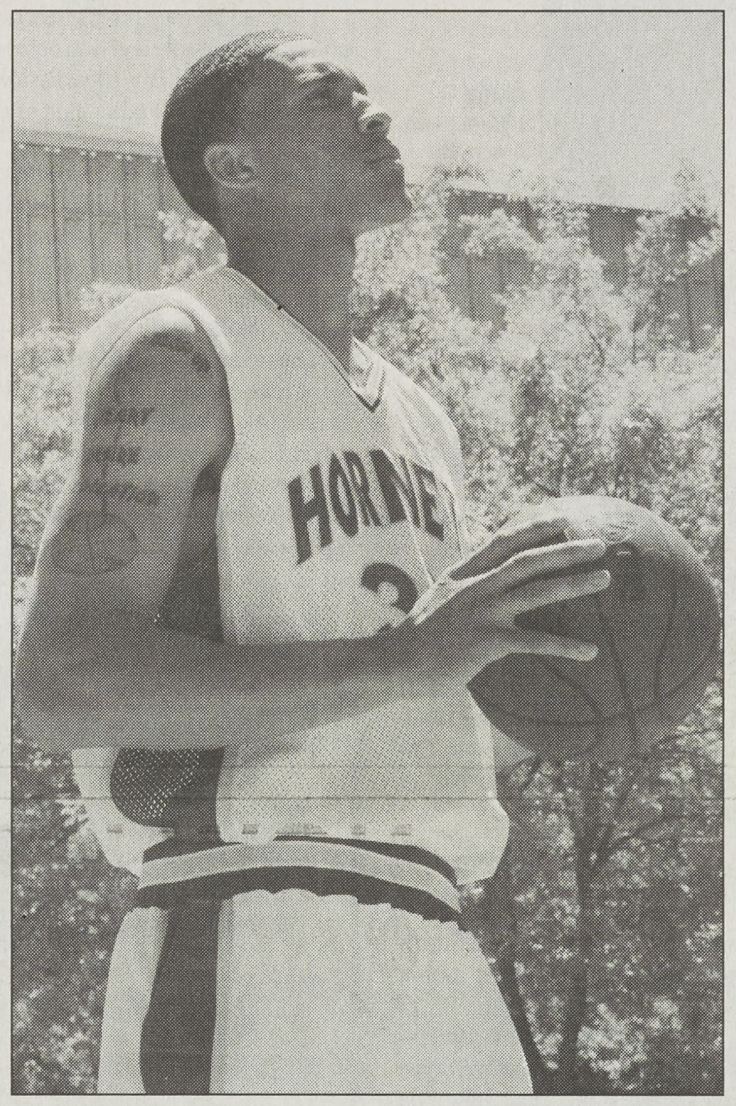


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Joel Jones is ready to embark on a summer vacation that will take him across the United States and into Puerto Rico.

One would be hard pressed to see Joel without his best friend and teammate Joseth Dawson. Seemingly attached at the hip, the two played against one another in junior college and began hanging out as soon as they came up here.

"He's a funny dude," Jones said. "He's like a brother. We have our fights, but we're always laughing. Of course I am going to grow closest to him at the moment since I have known him the longest, but our whole team is a real family."

The representation of the team as a family couldn't be more right on. Whether they are racing around in golf carts at charity events, playing pickup basketball, or just hanging out, these guys are always together.

It's that kind of family mentality that has allowed Jones to relax and develop his game to the fullest of his potential.

"It's much easier to relax and get work done when you are comfortable with those who you are working with," Jones said.

And Jones is exuding more than just confidence – he is sweating out long days in the weight room and on the court.

And Jones isn't just *saying* he is going to be in the NBA, he's *doing* the things necessary to get himself there.

Jones was forced to redshirt last season due to an academic ineligibility, but is primed to get back on the court next season.

"As far as grades, he is really trying to prove that he wants to come back and make a big difference with this team and take this team further than we went last year," teammate and Hornet center Tony Champion said. "He wants to maintain what he did his last season and build on that – take his game to another level."

Ex-teammate Derek Lambeth said: "During the season, when we would come in and start practicing, he wasn't allowed to be in the gym. Still, he was always in there working out, so he kept getting kicked out of the gym."

With Jones' determination and dedication to the little things, he is primed to have an incredible senior year at Sac State. If he can establish himself as one of the best players in the Big Sky, scouts from the NBA will be forced to take note.

"He has set himself apart from even the other guys that are redshirting," assistant coach Zac Claus said. "JoJo is here every day, asking me for a basketball to workout with, wondering when the gym is open and letting me know when he is doing extra stuff. It is never a question about his work ethic. Potentially, he can be one of the top five players in this conference."

Jones is looking to make the leap, but he isn't looking past what he is doing now. His goals include getting all of his teammates involved and bringing this team to the NCAA tournament.

The NBA may be waiting in the wings for Jones either after he graduates or years in the future. But his individual play, along with the success of the team, will be the ultimate judge.

"The future is going to be determined by JoJo and his play," head coach Jerome Jenkins said. "If he is good enough, it's going to happen for him."

Prince may fall victim to 'Croshere Curse'

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in bunches without consciousness.

Whichever team advances to the next round will have to tighten up their _efense before they get _ismissed.

The Austin Croshere Curse

Unheralded rookie Tayshaun Prince has resurrected his Pistons from the brink of first-round humiliation with his running hooks and smooth, long-range stroke. He also looks like the remedy to Detroit's most glaring weakness — their lack of interior scoring to offset Ben Wallace's invisibility in the half-court offense.

However, before Piston General Manager Joe Dumars rushes out to sign his surging rookie to a long-term deal, he should first beware of the Austin Croshere Curse.

You remember Indiana's Croshere… like Prince, he was an unheralded mid-first round pick who had his coming-out party under the glare of the postseason spotlight.

The 6-foot-10 pretty-boy forward averaged 10.3 points during the 1999-2000 season, but switched on the juice in the playoffs, averaging 15.2 points in Indiana's NBA Finals loss to the Lakers.

The next season, Croshere signed a seven-year contract with the Pacers worth about $50 million, and promptly shrugged into oblivion.

Croshere's rebounding and shooting numbers plummeted the next season as he played his way out of the Pacers' improving rotation. Croshere played in only 49 games this season, averaging 5.1 points, and shot 5-for-19 in Indiana's first-round playoff collapse.

Prince played in only seven games through the months of December and January, but he's been invaluable to the Pistons' playoff push.

Where he goes from here is anyone's guess.

Of course, the Austin Croshere Curse is hardly endemic to basketball — in his first eleven games of the season, Anaheim pitching phenom Francisco Rodriguez has allowed twice as many runs as he did in his 11 appearances in the 2002 postseason.

Oakland Raiders fans certainly remember the bottle-rocket trajectory of safety Larry Brown — after returning two interceptions for touchdowns in the 1995 Super Bowl, Brown signed a lucrative contract with the Raiders, who cut him two seasons later.

Brown was arrested and charged last October with passing 18 phony checks at Las Vegas casinos.

Jordan's Tarnished Legacy

It wasn't supposed to end like this — The Greatest Player Ever unceremoniously booted out of his front-office job by The Most Mediocre Team Ever.

But while the Washington Wizards shake-up may smack of insufficient gratitude (thanks for the season ticket sales and now get out, Mr. Jordan), the fact remains that the Wizards are significantly worse than they were before Jordan took over.

The groundwork for Washington's annual playoff vacations was laid before Jordan arrived, starting five years ago when the Wizards traded "troubled" forward Chris Webber for an over-the-hill Mitch Richmond (imagine how a Jordan-Webber tandem would have dominated the Eastern Conference).

Still, Jordan's personnel maneuvers were nothing short of baffling, as he accumulated one overpriced square peg after another — Larry Hughes, Charles Oakley, Bryon Russell, Tyronn Lue, Christian Laettner, etc.

And with every Wizard loss, memories of his championship-clinching shot over Russell faded further into the distance.

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Sac State to host NCAA track finals

NICHOLAS LOZITO
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The Sacramento State campus will serve as host to the 2003 Div. I Track and Field Championships from July 11-14. Preliminary rounds will be held on July 11-12, while the finals will be held on the 13th and 14th.

The meet, which will be held at the A.G. Spanos Sports Complex, is being held on the West Coast for the first time since 1968.

During the championships, State University Drive West will be closed to traffic.

Team of the Year: Men's hoops

ANDRIA WENZEL
State Hornet

How many records can one team break? How about most total wins and conference wins in a season?

How about a first playoff appearance, a first playoff win and the producing the first Hornet named to the Big Sky Conference's first team. Not bad for third-year coach Jerome Jenkins 'n company.

Led by seniors Derek Lambeth, Raashad Hooks and Jimmy White, Sac State accomplished feats no one could have expected. They posted an overall record of 12-17, including two very significant victories down the stretch run.

In front of a capacity crowd in Hornet Gym, Lambeth's 25-point basketball schooling of Montana State ensured the program's first conference tournament berth since joining Div. I.

A week later in Montana, Lambeth again was unstoppable with 24 points in the first-round 88-75 win over Montana, before losing to eventual tourney champ Weber State in the semi-finals.

As the seniors put the final touches on their collegiate careers, a group of freshmen and transfers infused their unpolished tenacity. Freshmen Chris Lange and DaShawn Freeman proved the core of Hornet basketball will be safe and secure for three more seasons, while junior transfer Brandon Guyton was more than dependable beyond the 3-point arc. Tony Champion also proved to be an interior force.

Honorable mentions

Volleyball: Easily the most consistent team at Sac State, with the most trophies and conference titles in the past few seasons to their name, the Hornet volleyball team made their fifth NCAA Tournament appearance in six years.

Men's tennis: Earning their third-consecutive Big Sky title by beating Idaho State 4-2 in the tournament finals, the men's tennis team shocked many by finishing their season at 12-16.

Grade Checks

HORNET STAFF

Football: D+

The connection of quarterback Ryan Leadingham and wide receiver Fred Amey was the only thing that kept the Hornets from garnering a failing grade. Six players were suspended (five for smoking pot on an away trip) and the coach even had to serve a one game suspension after a little debacle with an entire refereeing crew. Add a little national scandal on top of that and the rest of the team should be thankful Amey averaged 89.9 yards a game and Leadingham emerged as a clutch QB.

Men's Soccer: B

Senior Hjalti Kristjansson and David Rios anchored a team that sported a solid defense (Kristjansson, Utodi Madu, Alexis Maurtua and Marcos Mercado) and Matt McDougall finished with a goals against average of 1.05.

Women's Soccer: D

They had the most prolific scorer in program history and won only one game in the Big Sky. Lisa Wrightsman fell four goals short of No. 1 in the Hornet record book. Injuries of Amber Dragomir and Katie DeClercq didn't help, but freshman Linda Sanchez stepped in nicely to keep their heads just above water.

Volleyball: A

Even though they couldn't get by No. 1 Stanford in the NCAA tournament, they still ousted No. 18 in the nation, Eastern Washington, in front of a hostile crowd of Eagles fans. Fifth conference title in six years, can you say Big Sky domination.

Men's Basketball: A-

When everyone said wait until next season, the Hornets made their first playoff appearance and even came away with a first-round "W."

Not a winning season, but two games short of the NCAA Tournament makes up for it.

Women's Basketball: D

Only three wins, two against a NAIA teams.

Gymnastics: B

Injuries caused what was to be a season of firsts to turn into a season of mediocrity. Still got a title though, but no regional qualification.

Baseball: B-

The Hornet bats seemed to have hitting streaks every weekend. With all the talent on this team they should've done well enough to get an independent NCAA tournament bid.

Softball: B+

Returned to form with a 30-win season behind great pitching and the strength of freshmen at the plate. Even got a win over Stanford, but faltered in a conference they should have won.

Women's Tennis: A

A Big Sky Championship and a No. 1 singles player who is capable of upsetting anybody in the top 10. Doesn't get any better than that.

Men's Tennis: B

A losing record turned into a Big Sky Championship when the end of the season approached. Freshmen held up the team and first year coach Sherif Zaher proved his worth.

Track: A+

Several athletes qualified for the Regionals, but head coach Joe Neff will be retiring after 26 years. He was an excellent coach who helped nurse young athletes as well as this community. A +, without a doubt.

Volek unleashed frustration on Big Sky officials

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stick cooking spray named PAM in front of a University of Montana photographer.

PAM-GATE or PAM-SCAM (whatever you prefer) finally put Sac State's athletic program on the national radar, but for all the wrong reasons.

Tirade of the Year

It signaled the beginning of the end, when former head football coach John Volek allegedly entered the officials' locker room area to berate them after a last-second loss to Montana State on Nov. 3.

Volek, who must have been working hard on his Bobby Knight impression, was distressed because he believed time had ticked away on the Bobcats' final play of the game.

According to the officials, time did not expire and the Bobcats were given the opportunity to win the game with a 36-yard field goal. Unlike the Hornets, the Bobcats didn't squander their opportunity.

The one-second debate robbed Sac State of a win that could've, would've, should've saved Volek's job. He was given a one-game suspension for his behavior.

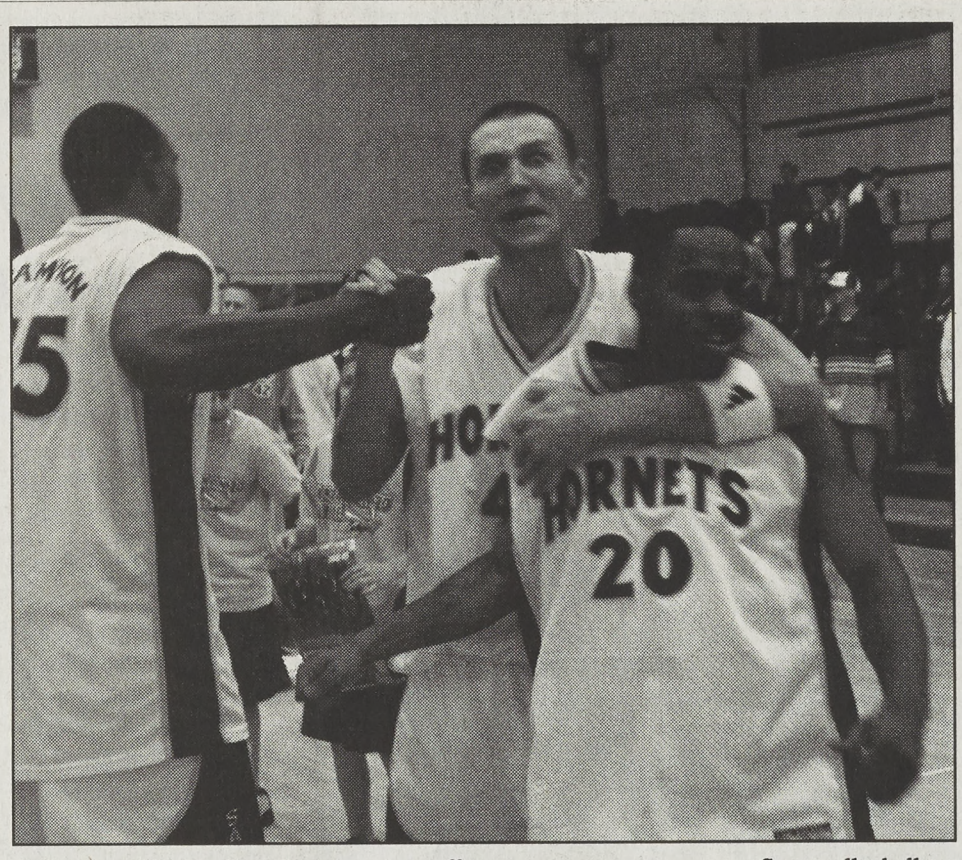
Shock of the year

The Montana State women's basketball team was battling for first place in the Big Sky when the lowly and winless Sacramento State Hornets arrived.

So you know the Bobcats couldn't have expected it when junior Sydney Gatson's 17-point performance sent Montana State to second in the standings as she led the Hornets to a 62-60 win.

The Bobcats had previously beat Sac State by 37 points and their coach later admitted she didn't have her team prepared for the game.

So maybe it was ironic that the Hornets served to prove the Bobcats a lesson: The team that was farthest from the perch just knocked you off yours.



Chris Lange, middle, puts DaShawn Freeman in a choke hold after the Hornets knocked off Montana State to capture a berth into the Big Sky Tournament.

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Performance of the Year

Lisa Wrightsman's final home game in a Hornet uniform resulted in the team's first Big Sky victory of the season, while the senior put on a striker clinic.

Wrightsman, who scored two goals in her home finale and finished the season with seven, exited the program on her own terms while putting herself in the record books.

Game of the Year

On Nov. 15, the Sacramento State volleyball team went up to Cheney, Wash., only to receive a 3-0 thumping from No. 18-ranked Eastern Washington. One week later, the Hornets returned to Cheney in the Big Sky Finals to upset the Eagles, 3-1.

Record of the Year

All Jesse Schmidt needed was a single to break Sacramento State's program record 22-game hitting streak.

Instead, the junior outfielder clubbed three home runs and drove in five runs while going 5-for-5 on the record-breaking day.

Deatherage led softball to 30 wins

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the finals.

She even upset No. 36-ranked Claire Carter of the University of Washington midway through the season.

"In the next four-to-five years, in my opinion, Margarita will be a top-five player on the women's professional circuit," Campbell said.

Honorable Mentions

Nicole Deatherage, softball: The Hornet softball team hadn't posted a 30-win season since 1997 and 13 of this season's wins belonged to the Hornets' leading pitcher, Deatherage.

The junior pitched more innings than anyone else on the pitching staff (183) and consequently led the team with 151 strikeouts, while posting an ERA of 2.22.

Lisa Beauchene, volleyball: With 13 kills, 44 assists and 14 digs, Beauchene was named Big Sky Tournament MVP as she led Sac State to the Big Sky Tourney title, outlasting Eastern Washington in the finals.

Beauchene had two triple-doubles in the tourney and led the team, averaging 10.75 sets a game, on their way to a 24-11 record and an appearance in the NCAA Tourney, where they lost to Stanford.

Hornet outfielder looks to hit .400

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beth's Hornet career won't be remembered for his contributions to a stat sheet. It will be remembered for the day he single-handedly put Sac State hoops on the map.

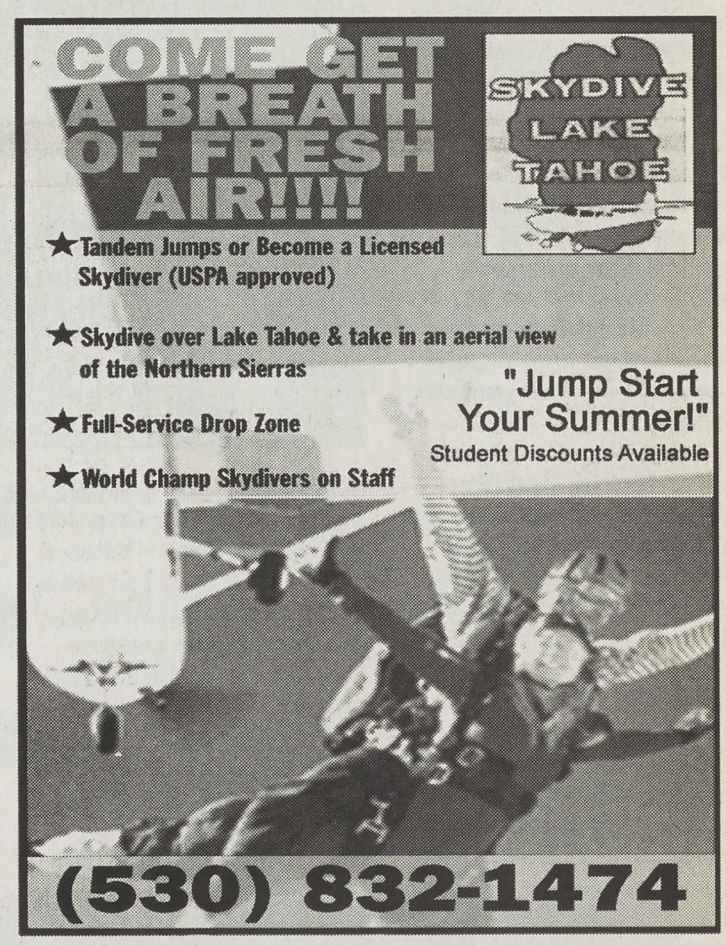
Honorable Mentions

Mikela Olsen, baseball: It's fitting Olsen wears No. 9, ala the "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams. The junior outfielder is on the verge of becoming the first Hornet to bat .400 since the team moved to Div. I in 1993.

Olsen is currently leading the team with a .410 average, 57 RBI and 80 hits, while ranking second with 14 homers.

Fred Amey, football: After only two seasons, Amey already holds the Hornet career record for receiving yards (1,874), while ranking tied for second in receiving touchdowns (16) and receptions (116).

This past season, the junior-to-be recorded 62 catches and nine touchdowns, while being named first-team all-Big Sky.



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Blind Date Part Two

Laura Garnick sets up two more Sac State students on a blind date, will this be a better result than the last?

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Robotics team goes for glory

ANGELINA LABARRE
State Hornet

Giving two people jackhammers, sharp spikes and chainsaw blades, then asking them to face off in a battle to the death seems unethical. However, giving two machines these weapons to pound, slice and massacre each other into oblivion is completely ethical, at least according to the rules of BattleBots.

If you haven't seen the actual show BattleBots on Comedy Central the show features groups of talented individuals who design, create and battle machines built from parts of existing pieces of machinery.

Similar to any other competitive sport, they have rules and divisions that separate the heavyweights from the lightweights, and keep the fight fair.

Sac State has a few students on campus who make up our very own Sacramento State BattleBots team, though they're not yet in competition.

Most likely they've been seen on campus giving demonstrations near the library with their bots, educating others on what the group is about and trying to spark interest in the field of engineering.

The CSUS Competitive Robotics is still a young organization trying to get off the ground with the support and donations of ASI, the students and faculty, and outside sources. They have joined up with other engineering clubs on campus to "design and construct a BattleBot capable of demolishing any competition that stands in our way."

Thanks to our student government, they've been given money to develop their projects and advertise their organization. Companies such as the Wheelchair Center have donated equipment that is later transformed into bots such as Seismic.

Seismic is a heavyweight bot, which means it's in the less-than-200 lbs. weight limit. It is a gasoline-fueled bot with a jackhammer weapon, and two remote-controlled wheelchair motors.

Seismic's project leader Graham Ryland, a CSUS student, is also the driving force behind the group. Besides Ryland, the organization is composed of twenty or so individuals with a core membership of seven who are quite the diehards.

Seismic is currently their only bot, but the group is working on a microbot to be entered into Sozobots, a growing competition that has a maximum weight limit of one pound.

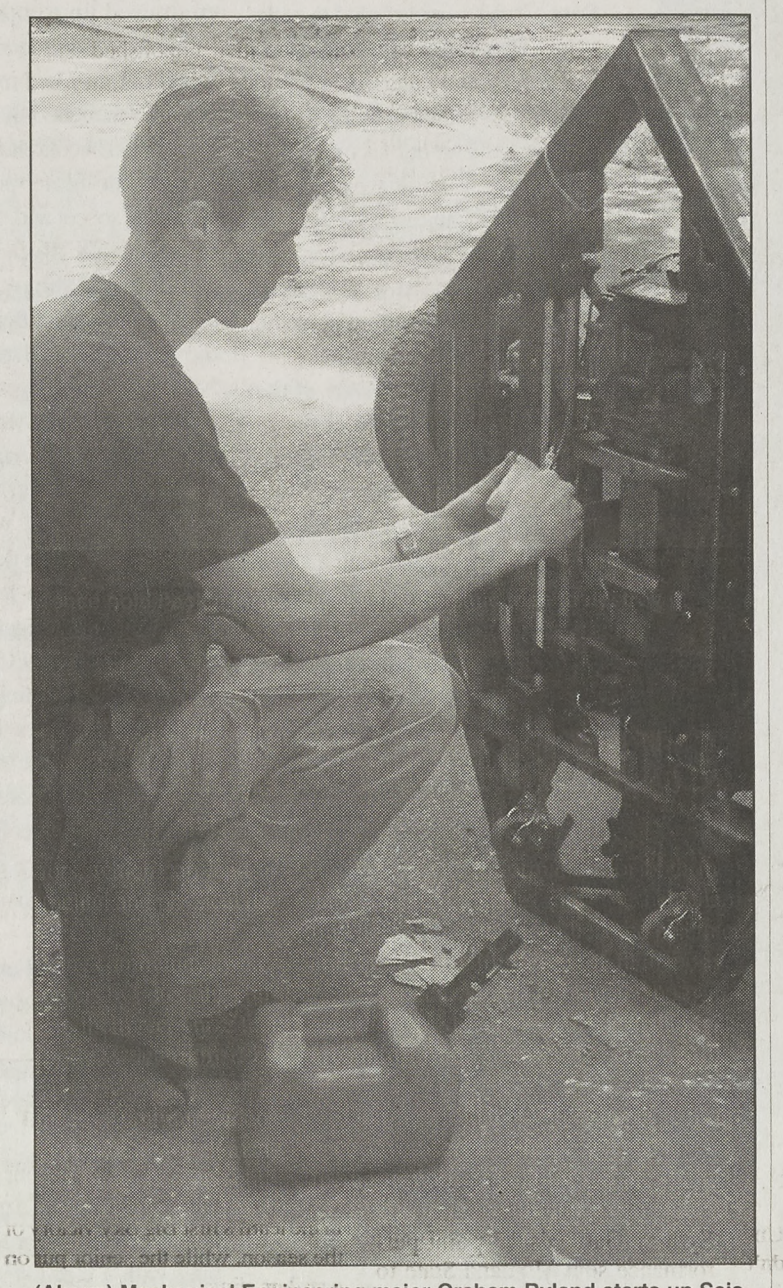
Ryland, and another member, Dustin Deeks, have already developed a prototype for a device on the bot called a flip sensor, which will allow the bot to reverse its motors so it can flip itself over if it ever finds itself upside down. They managed this from things found on Dustin's floor, such as pen caps and rubber bands.

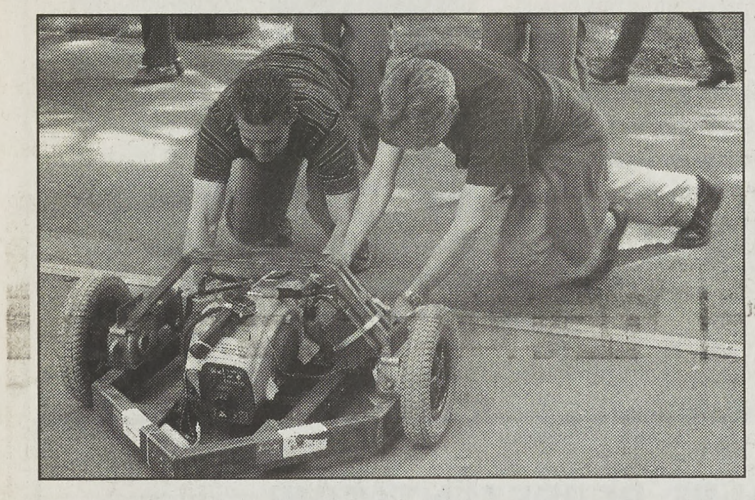
The robotics team defy the image that engineering and electronics are boring programs as they take their lessons out of the classroom and apply them to fun bots and activities.

"We're all really good friends," Deeks, an electrical/electronics engineering double major, said.

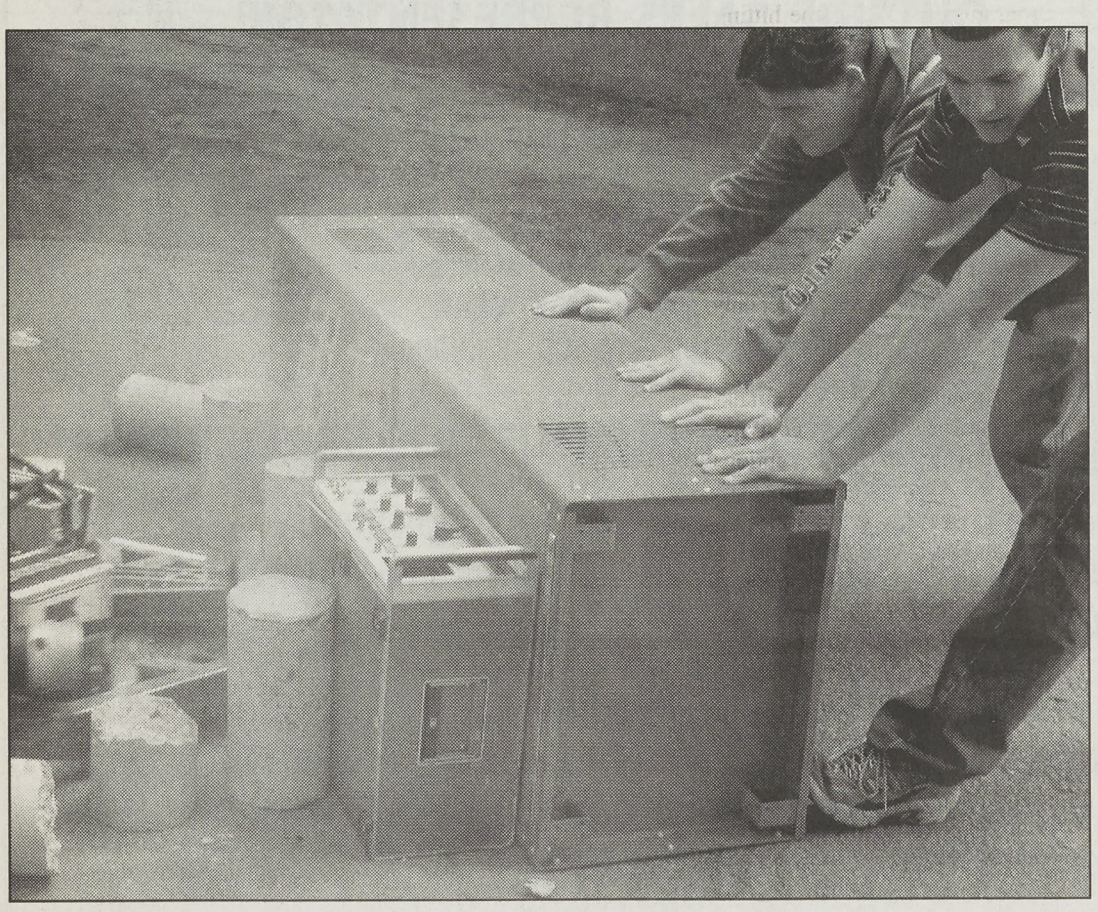
The group has to yet to go to the competitive level of BattleBots, which is held annually in San Francisco, but the team will be heading there in the future.

For now, they are content visiting youth groups, junior colleges and other institutes in order to expand others' minds about engineering and hope to spark the interest that has sparked in them as well.





(Above) Mechanical Engineering major Graham Ryland starts up Seismic, the Sac State competitive robot that hopes to be involved in the national competition in San Francisco sometime soon. (Left) Team members Lawrence Enright (l) and Graham Ryland (r) demonstrate its pushing strength.



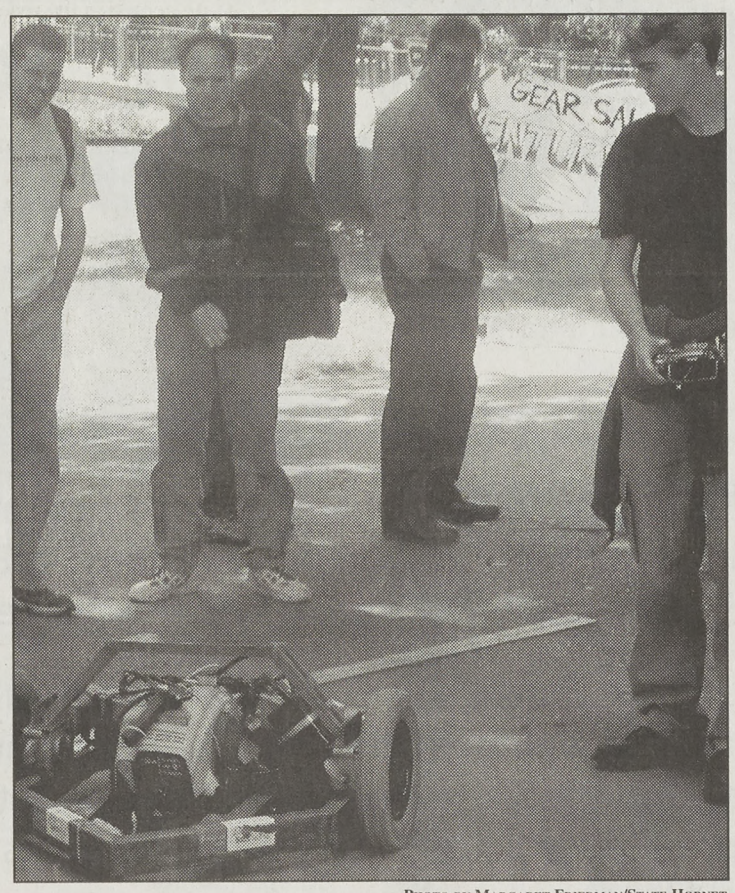


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(Right) Graham chases passersby with Seismic, hoping to create a buzz for the team. (Left) Graham and Lawrence hold back a large object while Seismic tries to destroy it.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

A CLOSER LOOK AT ANGELINA JOLIE

NOEH NAZARENO
State Hornet

Thinking of Hollywood rebel rousers, and the names Angelina and Billy Bob tend to pop in mind. In spite of their remarkable film resumes, they led quite the unorthodox lifestyle, with tattoos and blood samples to share.

But things are different now. With a divorce and a properly independent attitude in operation, Academy Award-winning actress Angelina Jolie is more than ready to take on a mature life of her own in her unique stylings.

She's bringing financial aid to third-world countries, raising her adopted Cambodian baby boy, Maddox, and returning to the big screen in a big way with the serious drama "Beyond Borders" (to be released later this year) and this summer's "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life."



Angelina Jolie

Actress

Noeh Nazareno: In your previous press interviews and blurbs over the years, you come across sounding very personal, very passionate about your trade. What would you say is behind the Angelina Jolie that captivates the hearts and minds of audiences across the nation and the world as well?

Angelina Jolie: My God! I love communicating with people, I need to share and I felt very connected to everybody, so I haven't felt kind of divided and like I'm talking from a separate place. I think most people feel they know me and they actually do in many ways.

NN: Looking back on how like your career dates back to "breaking through" in movies like "Hackers," where you were catching people's attention early on, in doing the second Lara Croft movie coming out this summer, what can you say about your career, how far you've come and what you've accomplished?

AJ: I went through kind of just wanting to get the next job to then being public, which was not easy for me. It's a bit strange, because I'm just a very normal, normal person.

But I think now I've come to a place where I'm happy that I can be calm about financial things. I can do a lot of good with the success I've had and I'm able to continue to work, so I'm pretty secure about family.

I'm at a point in my life where I feel I can do other things but films. I guess I haven't decided to start living and do films, but I'm just grateful I've been able to work.

NN: What do you do in your spare time?

AJ: In my spare time, I'm now in Sri Lanka, about to go out with Halo tomorrow to look at minefields, and then I'm going with the U.N. into the refugee camps for a few days.

I spent a lot of time with those people, kind of learning about the

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Sensible group 'wins' on campus

JORGE MORENO
State Hornet

One of five college women suffers from it. According to the Journal of American College Health, worrying about body image can start as early as the "freshman 15," the belief that freshmen women tend to gain 15 pounds during their first year of college.

A student's outward physical appearance plays an important role during this time and is linked to, and can damage, self-esteem.

We Insist on Natural Shapes (WINS), a nonprofit organization, is trying to correct the misconception that the key to happiness, love and success lies in thinness and calorie restriction.

Founded in 1993 by a Sacramento Internist and Clinical Nutrition specialist, Dr. Ann Gerhardt, WINS was formed in response to her perception that a majority of women go on unhealthy diets in order to meet an ideal body standard, which pushes females to be thin as rails and adopt eating behaviors such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa or compulsive overeating, which may lead to obesity.

WINS provides educational information for those suffering from eating disorders or those who would like to become involved with the organization.

Mercedes Gonzalez, a student at Sacramento State, became involved with the organization because of her major.

"My major is dietetic, a special major," said Gonzalez, the executive director of WINS. "Eating disorders have complex physiological and psychological origins. Therefore, individuals with these conditions cope with serious psychological problems through bizarre food behaviors, which can lead to social isolation and mental and physical debilitation," she said.

WINS is also building community awareness about eating disorders by educating children and adults to help them recognize that the shape of one's body is determined by one's genes.

WINS has produced 40-minute videos and a corresponding curriculum for elementary and secondary school teachers and children, educating them about body acceptance, nutrition, regular physical activity and disease.

Men account for 10 percent of people suffering from eating disorders, according to the American Anorexia Bulimia Association.

And that could be even higher, if more men sought help for diseases that are typically considered women's issues.

"We provide information for both men and women," Gonzalez said. "We help them find help so that they can become healthier and build a healthy view of their body."

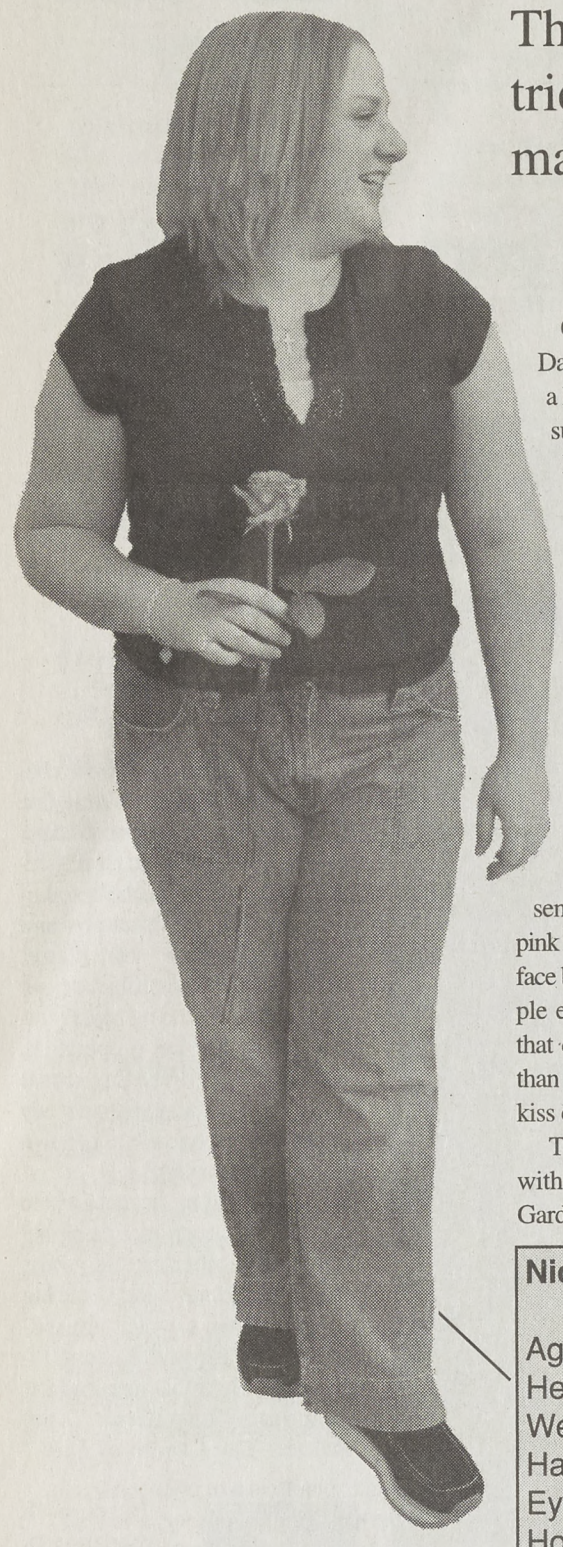
The organization is fighting the body images in the media and advertising to those that are natural and attainable with healthy lifestyles.

Gonzalez said that WINS hopes to influence advertisers and the print and television media to portray healthy female images.

"We're trying to influence companies to bring healthy women with natural curves back into the media and advertising," she said. "We want to show women and men that being happy doesn't mean being thin."

For more information about WINS, visit their Web site at www.winsnews.org or call 1-800-600-WINS.

Diary of a blind date...part two



The *State Hornet* tries again to make a match!

LAURA GARNICK
State Hornet

On our last installment of Blind Date, Cupid's arrow failed to make a love connection with our first test subjects, Levi Ziller and Chelsea Kahler. Now, we're trying for better results on our second match by way of willing participants Mitchell Duncan, a 19-year- old criminal justice major, and Nicola Mathias, a 19-year-old child development major.

Setting: 1900 hours at the fountain in front of the library in Sac State Friday, May 9th

Eligible bachelor Mitchell presented his date Nicola with a single pink rose to start the night off. Nicola's face bloomed with delight, but the couple exchanged a traditional greeting that couldn't have been more formal than if it had been a curtsey (no hug or kiss on the cheek).

They decided to begin the evening with a romantic dinner at the Olive Garden. Nicola became giddy at the thought of an Italian setting and excitedly followed Mitchell to his car.

Yes! It looks like a match.

Conversation blasted off immediately - the couple spoke non-stop. They were so engrossed in conversation that Mitchell missed the turn-off lane twice while he was driving. Once they were seated they didn't even glance at their menus until the second time the waiter showed up to take their orders.

As the conversation thickened, they found out they had more in common than they thought. Mitchell takes swing lessons and Nicola choreographs dance routines for theater productions, they both play soccer and they're both fans of cartoons like "Rocko's Modern Life" and "Ren and Stimpy."

The obvious differences between the two came as dinner progressed. Nicola was smiling, laughing while Mitchell's ankles were crossed the whole night and his right elbow never moved from the arm of his chair.

After the food was consumed Mitchell and Nicola decided they both wanted to burn off a few calories from dinner. Mitchell suggested they head over to the Country Club Lanes for a few rounds of bowling.

On the ride over, Nicola inquired about Mitchell's car. He said that technically it was his parents', but it was considered his. Nicola made a comment about how nice it is to have your own car, and how he wouldn't know what that feels like.

Mitchell smiled and laughed, but Nicola's comment created more tension in the already awkward set-up, and it became clear that Mitchell felt insecure as an offset of Nicola's bold personality.

At the bowling alley the couple appeared to be having a good time. Nicola was leading the board in the beginning with a clean steady game until Mitchell made the golden dating mistake and threw three clean solid strikes. Mitchell and Nicola played two games, both of which Mitchell won by over 33 points.

Nicola's Stats

Age: 19
Height: 5'8"
Weight: Yea right
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Blue
Home: Fremont
Major: Child development

Mitchell's Stats

Age: 19
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 207
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Home: Lancaster
Major: Criminal justice

The change of heart became clear when Mitchell walked back from the platform of the lane without making eye contact with Nicola, indicating that the magic of the evening had gone sour.

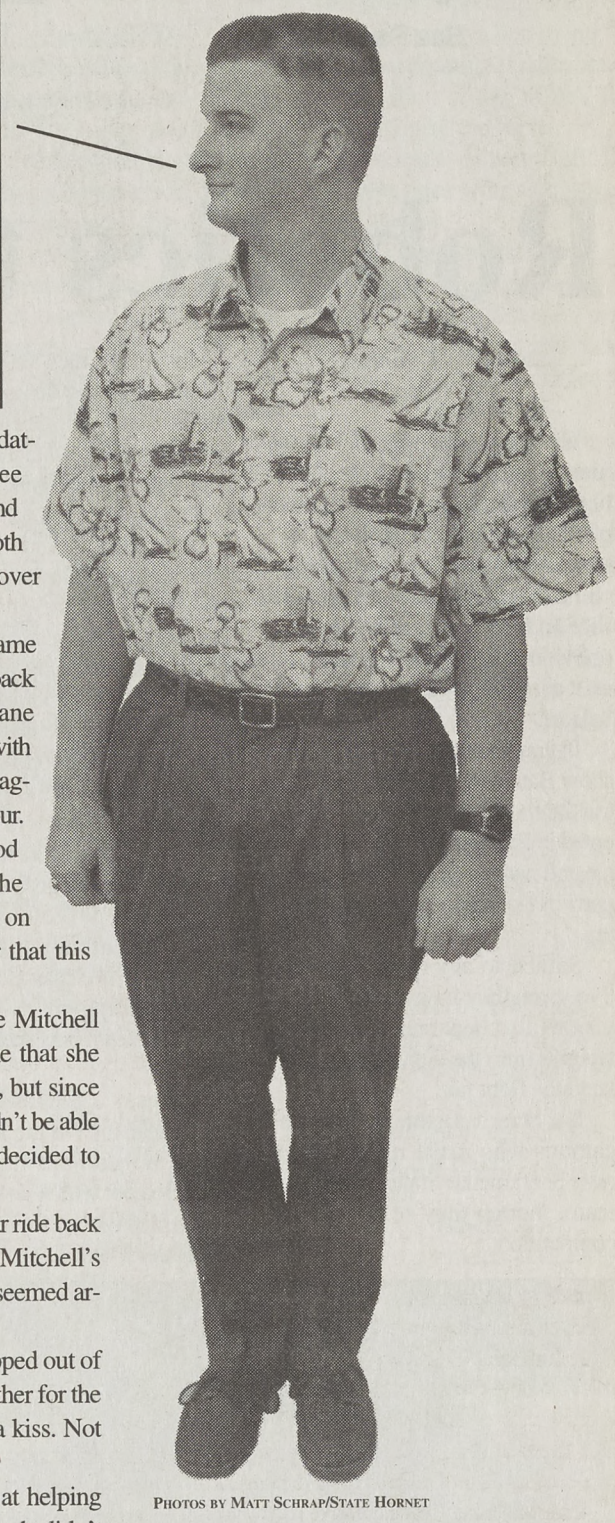
Nicola and Mitchell stood in silence for the rest of the bowling session. The look on Nicola's face made it clear that this date was over.

After their second game Mitchell suggested they play a game that she could win, such as billiards, but since they were both 19 and wouldn't be able to enter the pool hall, they decided to call it a night.

The atmosphere on the car ride back to campus was sort of like Mitchell's flower gift to Nicola. Both seemed artificial.

Nicola and Mitchell stepped out of his car and thanked one another for the evening, without a hug or a kiss. Not even a handshake!

So, our second attempt at helping two students find their match didn't work out as planned. There's always next time.



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Daddy Day Care

★★★

Starring Eddie Murphy, "Daddy Day Care" asks the question, "Can daddy really take care of kids?"

Charlie (Murphy) and Phil (Jeff Garlin) have been fired from their jobs at a high profile advertising company. As well-meaning parents, they'll no longer be able to afford payment for their sons' expensive preschool, Chapman Academy.

After searching for an affordable daycare center, Charlie gets an idea: taking care of children with Phil and turning it into a lucrative business with Daddy Day Care.

They start out with nine children and incessant screaming, bribing an enterprising toddler, the apocalypse of a sugar rush and "missing" in the bathroom.

Their answers to professional child care includes Big Phil rock 'n rolling the kids to sleep, getting the kids to draw pictures using their whole body, and cheering on a carrot and broccoli fight (Charlie and Phil use vegetable costumes from an advertising campaign in their previous job).

As the number of children increase, another former co-worker joins Charlie and Phil. Marvin (Steve Zahn) seems to be able to communicate with the kids on a level his bosses can't, probably because he himself is a grown kid.

At the same time, Chapman is losing business to Daddy Day Care. Frustrated Chapman headmistress Miss Harridan uses every trick in the book in a desperate attempt to bring Charlie and his crew down.

The movie is full of fun and shows audiences the importance of spending time together with their family.

After all, Daddy's Day Care gives audiences a warm fuzzy inside. *-Karin Nishiyama*

A Mighty Wind

★★★½

Improvisation is frightening. I speak from the experience that comes with three years of advanced drama and a dozen harrowing brushes with improv. If performed in the wrong hands (sometimes mine), it can be excruciatingly painful. But in director Christopher Guest's hands, the results are mesmerizing.

"A Mighty Wind," like his previous "Waiting for Guffman" and "Best in Show," was pared down from about 100 hours of footage into a 90-minute masterpiece that practically screams "genius."

In the film, folk music pioneer Irving Steinbloom dies and his children plan a reunion concert with three of Steinbloom's most beloved acts: the Folksmen, the New Main Street Singers and romantic duo Mitch and Mickey. They and the surrounding peons are portrayed by Michael McKean, Harry Shearer, Parker Posey, Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Jennifer Coolidge, Guest himself and others.

Although no prepared dialogue existed when filming began, Levy and Guest's outline and story idea are the driving force behind the movie. Their talent as entertainers and writers is proven by their ability to take subjects that no one cares about and make them undeniably fascinating.

The astoundingly talented troupe, several of who were also in Guest's previous films, have a frightening job and do it well. Coolidge, with limited screen time, provides many laughs as a dim-witted representative and Willard steals the show as a manager always out for money, not quality.

Overall, "A Mighty Wind" is an excellent film that uses great writing and acting to create a truly enjoyable experience. *-Lauren Robeson*

All The Real Girls

★★½

The movie opens with a tender scene between a man and woman, who having an intimate friendship, consummate their infatuation with one another a kiss that starts from palm and ends at the lips.

"All the Real Girls" is set in a small mill town in North Carolina and centers around Paul (Paul Schneider) and his relationship with Noel (Zooey Deschanel), the younger sister of Paul's best friend, Tip. Paul has decided to give up his old womanizing ways and change his attitude toward love when their friendship flourishes into more. Things take a turn for the worst for Paul and Noel, and they learn very quickly how vulnerable one can be when in love. Both turn to friends and family for guidance who have also experienced the painful scars that being love leaves behind.

This movie pulls on the emotional energy of the audience without causing a flood of tears, leaving audience members contemplating their own mishaps in love on the drive home. Though the film seems to drag on longer than its 108 minutes, it is tolerable with its wonderful moments that seem too real.

Director David Gordon Green allows the audience in on a world that makes them uncomfortable as if they are seeing a private thought or moment that should not be privy to outsiders' eyes. It is similar to when Paul forces Noel to turn her back to him while he dances, to the audiences' amusement, in a moment of happiness.

At times, these moments are too far and few between, especially as the movie is wrapping up, but the anticipation of these moments is the driving force and what keeps its audience grounded in their seats. *–Angelina LaBarre*

The Shape of Things

★★★★

College students are under another microscope this spring. February brought us the entertaining frat comedy "Old School." Last month's "The Real Cancun," gave us reality programming in a smaller and, as a result, more pleasing package. Now comes the artsy approach with a hard-hitting stroke of genius.

Director Neil LaBute, responsible for the racy "In the Company of Men" and "Your Friends and Neighbors," and the recent "Possession," brings us "The Shape of Things." This four-sided ensemble piece starts with art student Evelyn (Rachel Weisz) meeting Adam (Paul Rudd) by a happening of serendipity. A free spirit meets a shy guy, and their young adult love begins harmlessly enough.

Adam's pals Jenny (Gretchen Mol) and Philip (Fred Weller) have stuck by him through thick and thin, but this time is different. Philip takes an obtuse disliking to Evelyn and Jenny's harboring some contradicting feelings for Adam. What ensues is an exploration into the truth and reality behind the mental and emotional aspects of relationships at large.

You can expect exactly the kind of tenacity and sharp-toothed attitude here as LaBute's filmography suggests. He certainly doesn't disappoint, and Weisz and Rudd deliver in spades as the film's dominatrix and submissive. If film was a dessert, this "Shape" is death by chocolate. *-Noeh Nazareno*

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Look for a review of "X-Men 2," and this Friday, reviews for "Cowboy Bebop" and the highly-anticipated "The Matrix Reloaded."

Jolie: 'I'm just a normal person.'

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world, that or just with the baby doing some baby things.

NN: How is it to work with really distinguished, extremely talented actors and actresses like Elizabeth Mitchell in "Gia," Denzel Washington, Edward Burns and John Cusack, people like them. Being on the level and being among what people think of as really cool and great people.

AJ: I'm so glad you included Elizabeth in that. I think she's a lovely woman.

NN: Yes, I got to speak to her last fall actually.

AJ: Really. People don't often, like, bring her up and I think she's amazing.

It's great. The thing is, as wonderful as they are, they are just people, so they are as about as interesting to me as to everybody on this phone call today.

There's nothing so different, but certainly it's nice to be working with (them). There are certain actors you love more than others, and you do a scene because you just connected with them in such a deep way and they work so hard, and they really are there for you on-and-off-camera as support. It's great, obviously, for an actor to work with good actors.

NN: I've gotten the impression that though you guys make millions of dollars, you're in the spotlight, whatever happens in your lives, it's really all about human beings that have this incredibly blessed job, and it blows me away.

AJ: Yes. We are, we're very lucky.

Wahlberg, Green up for the 'job'

NOEH NAZARENO
State Hornet

One of the most highly anticipated non-sequels of the summer is quickly approaching theaters this month.

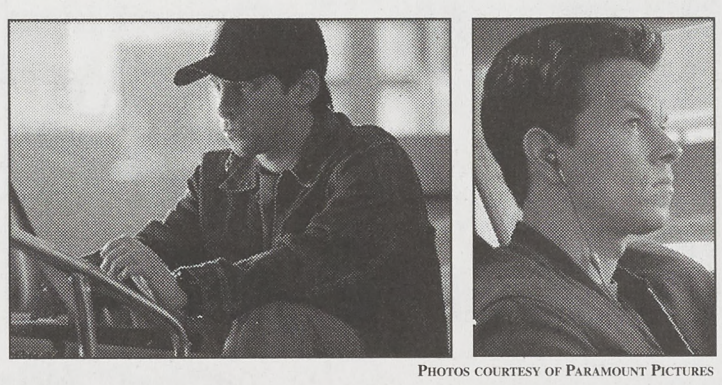
A remake of the 1969 British comic caper of the same name, 2003's "The Italian Job" stars a dream team of complementing talent: Mark Wahlberg ("Rock Star"), Charlize Theron ("Trapped"), Edward Norton ("Red Dragon"), Seth Green (the "Austin Powers" movies), Jason Statham ("The Transporter") and screen legend Donald Sutherland ("Space Cowboys").

Wahlberg and Green participated in phone interviews to promote the film and were very forthcoming about their views on life in show business and other issues.

The former's claim to fame began as a member of the 1980s sensation New Kids on the Block. Following his short-lived stint with older brother Donnie's group, he fell into a life of crime and drugs into his teenage years.

Donnie reached out to lend young Mark a hand back into the right direction by hooking him up with a recording contract. Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch was born, most famously known for "Good Vibrations." But just like the slew of other pop wonders, Marky Mark became another piece of early 1990s nostalgia. And it's just as well, as Mark found more passion and "reason to believe" in his future career in film.

"Before I signed a record contract, I was free to do what I wanted to do and I was in my own creative head space, and then once the record company got involved and started looking at the big picture and how much money they could make themselves, and that's why…to really just do what I want to do at the pace in which I want to do it," Wahlberg said.



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Seth Green (left) and Mark Wahlberg (right) in the upcoming film 'The Italian Job.'

He popped in and out with memorable roles in 1994's "Renaissance Man" and 1996's "Fear," but broke into solidly respected national stardom with 1997's "Boogie Nights." In spite of the attention, Mark hasn't let that turning point sway him one bit.

"It was an actor's piece…and I'm trying to do something differ-

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Green: 'I like to challenge myself'

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ent every time out. I think if you have a situation where you're in a movie like a 'Titanic,' then there's (a) huge amount of pressure on you."

"I'm just going to do something different, and going back now to doing a bunch of smaller films, more independent films, and just try to balance the two. But I (haven't felt) any pressure at all about anything for a long time now. It's easy for me."

Co-star Green shared similar ideals about the manner in which he handles his career.

"I've actually had meetings with directors, where I tell them, 'I don't think that I can do anything with this part that anybody else couldn't do.'"

"I don't say that to be self-deprecating. It's just, when I read something and I really get a vision for it, then I know I should do it. It's not like I'm constantly trying to wow everybody."

"It's just, I like to challenge myself and I like to do things that I haven't done. I'm not in this game to make a lot of money and be famous. I do it because I love acting. That's really how I pick them. I've just been lucky enough to find a bunch of parts that help me do that."

As "Can't Hardly Wait" ranks among the best 1990s teen ensemble comedies, he found its cherished value for audiences compares to the best teen comedies of the 1980s, namely the John Hughes films of that decade.

"It wasn't the first time you saw them that made that impression. It was the fact (that) I saw 'Ferris Bueller,' 'Breakfast Club' and 'Sixteen Candles' and all those movies over and over and over again until I knew them by heart, and that's when they were important to me."

"So, right out of the gate you get people trying to compare a movie that you're seeing for the first time, that was just made, to something that you've lived with for the last 15 years. It's incomparable," he said.

With that kind of honesty and personality, it's no wonder audiences have attached themselves to Wahlberg and Green. Engaging and charming in their own right, there's no surprise to their casting in "The Italian Job." The film opens in Sacramento and nationwide on May 30.

THE STATE HORNET APARTMENT GUIDE

Apartment seeking in Sac

HILTON COLLINS
State Hornet

There's nothing harder for a college student to obtain than his or her own apartment, well besides a degree in four years.

Many full-time students are old enough to seek independence, yet young enough to stumble along the way. They face the age-old dilemma of finding an affordable place with only a part-time job's salary.

"(Rental) communities want you to have a monthly gross that's three times the amount of rent," says real estate agent Troy L. DePont. "Being right out of high school, going into college, (students) can't go to school full time and work full time, and have that three times income."

The average rental price for a two-bedroom apartment in Sacramento is around $700 - $800 a month. Fat chance of finding a bunch of co-eds who make three times that amount every month. Even with a roommate to help foot the bill, that kind of price tag can burn a serious hole in anyone's wallet.

Gonzalo Torres, a sophomore family consumer science major, had a tough time finding an affordable place on a limited budget.

"I would expect Sacramento to be inexpensive, but it turns out that it wasn't," explains Torres. "Location-wise, there were a lot of vacant places available, but it was mostly the price I was concerned about."

Originally from Williams, California, Torres moved from his parents' house in Williams, California to live closer to Sac State, and the transition was anything but smooth. His newfound freedom came with new worries and more stress, even with a few roommates.

"I had a lot of responsibilities I didn't have at home." Torres said. "I had to pay my own bills. I had to clean my own place. There wasn't anyone there to do it for me. If I didn't pay rent, it was going to affect me."

When young people leave home for the first time, they usually like to live it up, but the consequences can cost them dearly.

"Set your priorities straight," warns sophomore Sung Yi. "Pay bills first. Don't spend all your money partying, and make sure you have enough money for bills and rent. It's pretty easy to lose focus when you don't live with your parents."

Even if their kids don't live with them anymore, parents often remain a part of their financial lives. Generally, parents who are homeowners with a really good credit history can sign an agreement to pay a portion of the rent.

Having them co-sign helps lighten a starving student's load. Before getting a place, a renter has to qualify, which involves having a good credit history and no prior evictions. Being too liberal with a charge card can put a serious crimp in a renter's plans.

I have (worked with) a few 23 year old who've already filed bankruptcy. That's not good." Said DePont.

In some cases apartment owners will compensate for a potential renter's deficiencies by charging a higher deposit, which, in many cases, the parents end up paying.

A word of caution: after finding a place to call home, beware of rent increases. A $620 apartment can become a $690 apartment a few months later.

"Once I found an apartment in a desirable area I felt safe in," recounts junior Shaelomena Jones. "I stayed there for about three and half months, but then rent started go up, even though there weren't any improvements made on the property. Now it was really expensive"

When a student rents an apartment, he or she signs a lease, which is an agreement to pay a certain amount of rent money or a specified period of time. Once the lease expires, the owners are free to raise the rent. Jones eventually moved out and, luckily for her, she had someone watching out for her and a friend got her in to another place.

"If you're smart, you'll take the longest lease that you can," said DePont. "I've seen properties increase $150. How do you fit that into your budget?"

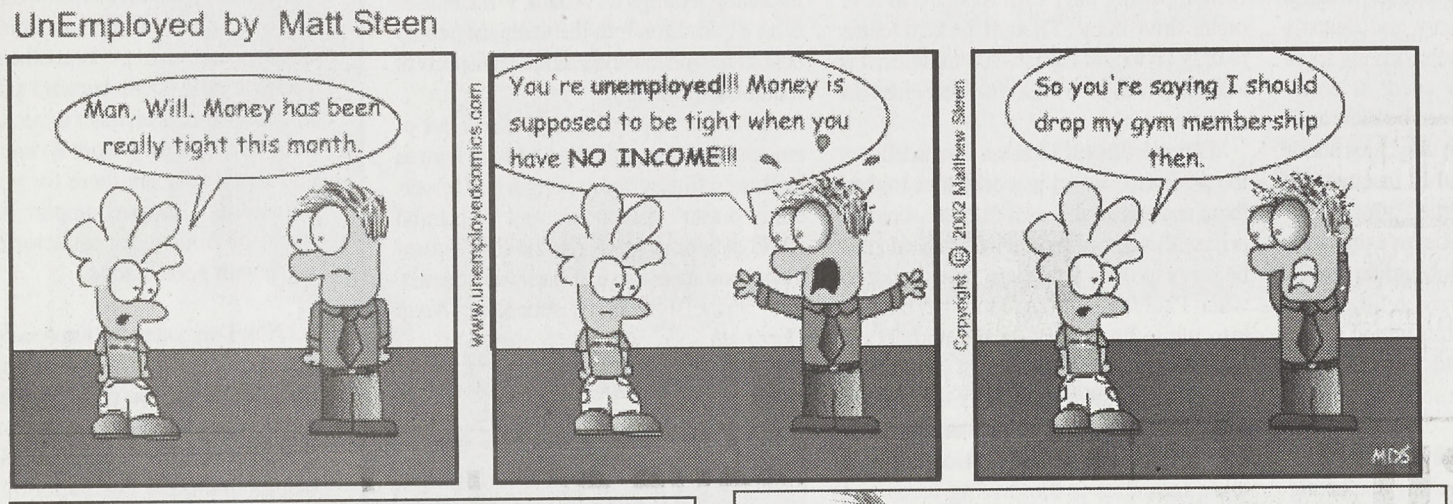
The off-campus housing office in the student union offers a lengthy listing of apartments in the Sacramento area, some of which are for low-income renters, or specifically Sac State students.

The College Town Apartment complex, for example, is set aside just for hornets looking for a place to nest. However, the demand is high, and vacancies fill up quickly. Anyone looking for a single bedroom apartment there will be put on a five to ten year waiting list.

The situation is about the same for other communities set aside only for hornets.

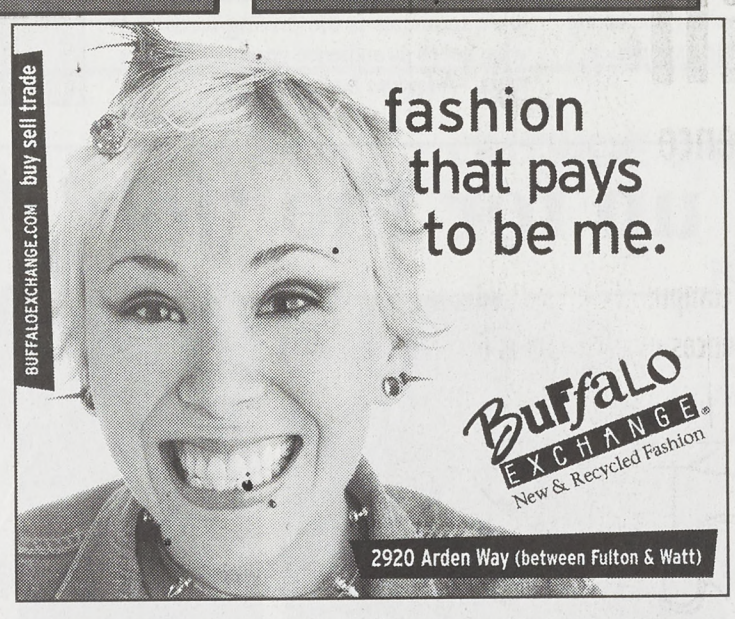
Finding a one-bedroom vacancy is like finding a needle in ten haystacks, so it's best to hook up with roommates and shoot for a double or triple bedroom set up. There are usually more vacancies during the spring semester, because enrollment is lower then. To get a place ready for fall, students should start looking right now or in the early summer.

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Off-Campus Housing Services offers help for students looking for homes

LISA HUGHES
State Hornet

It's that time of year again when students begin the dreadful task of looking for new roommates or searching for a new home.

When you have to consider location, availability and affordability, looking for the perfect place to live in Sacramento can be a full-time job in itself.

Well, if you haven't heard, listen up! Sacramento State's Off-Campus Housing Services office, located in Foley Hall Room 238, offers free information to students, faculty and staff.

According to services coordinator Peggy Luers, the program, which runs under the Department of Student Affairs, has been very popular, especially considering that it's only been available one year.

"Were starting to get very busy at this time with students moving out of the dorms and new staff coming into the area," Luers said.

Anything you need to know about apartment hunting is available in their office or can be obtained on their Web site.

Off Campus Housing Services joined up with local property owners and managers to develop a database of available housing. Their goal is to make the process of finding housing that meets your needs easier and faster.

Resources they offer range from profiles and contact information of students seeking roommates to listings and contact information of apartment guides or home magazines. They also provide listings of local utilities, telephone, cable and public transportation companies.

A list of legal tips offers insight into things you ordinarily may not think about when you're ready to sign a lease. Such as, if you're a member of the military you may want to discuss the military clause in your lease agreement in case you may need to be released from your contract.

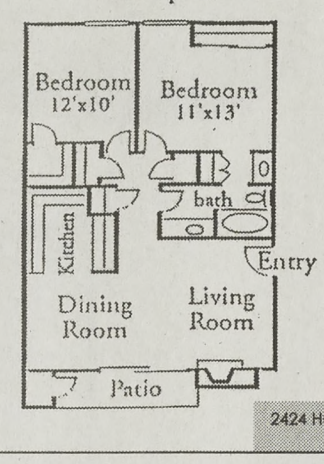
They also include tips on safety and advice for individuals who rent to obtain renters' insurance. The coverage is usually available at a fairly low cost and can protect you against loss of your belongings.

To obtain more information on Off-Campus Housing Services, feel free to give them a call at (916) 278-3766 or log onto their Web site at www.csus.edu/offcampus/.

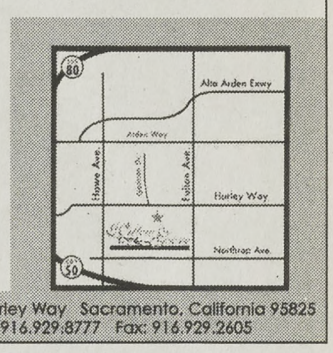
"The more we get the word out to help people the better," Luers said. And for potential home seekers, obtaining the information available to you at no cost could save students, faculty and staff a headache and a bottle of aspirin.

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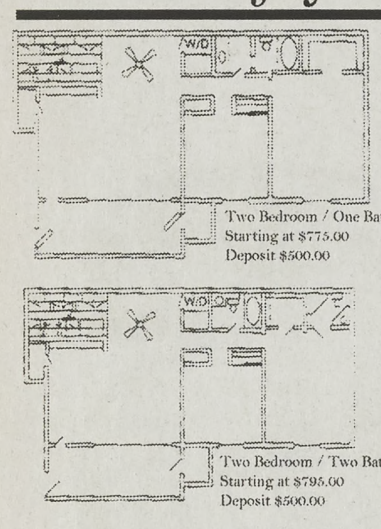


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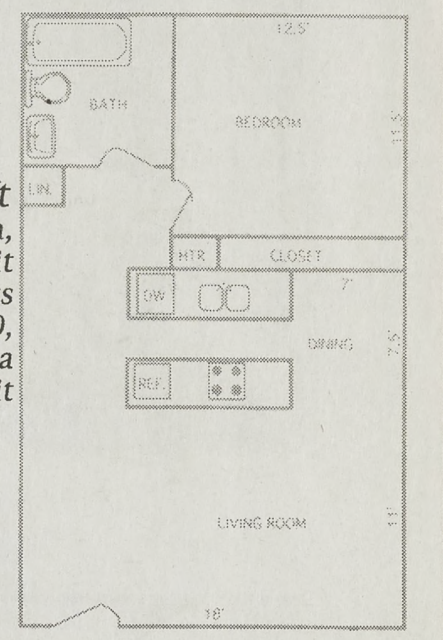


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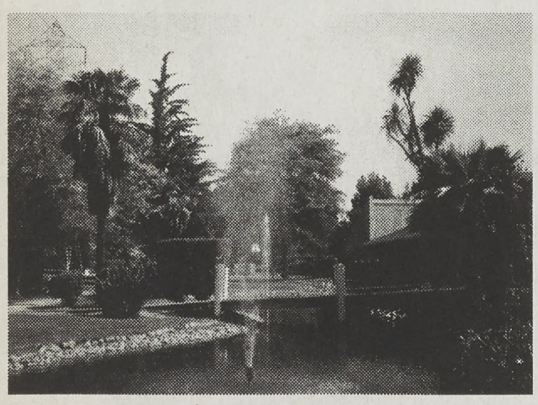
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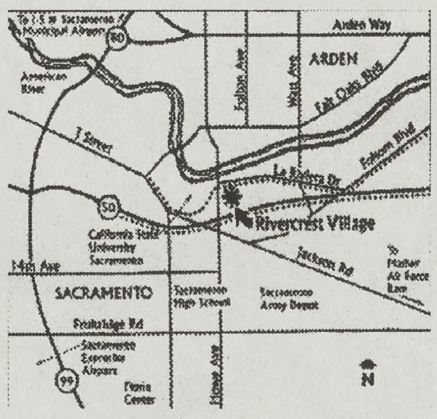


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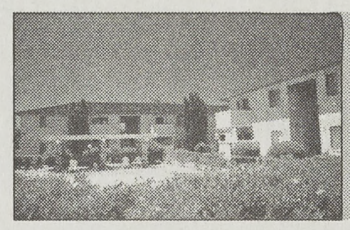


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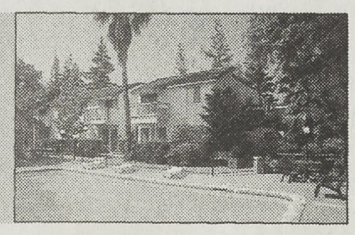
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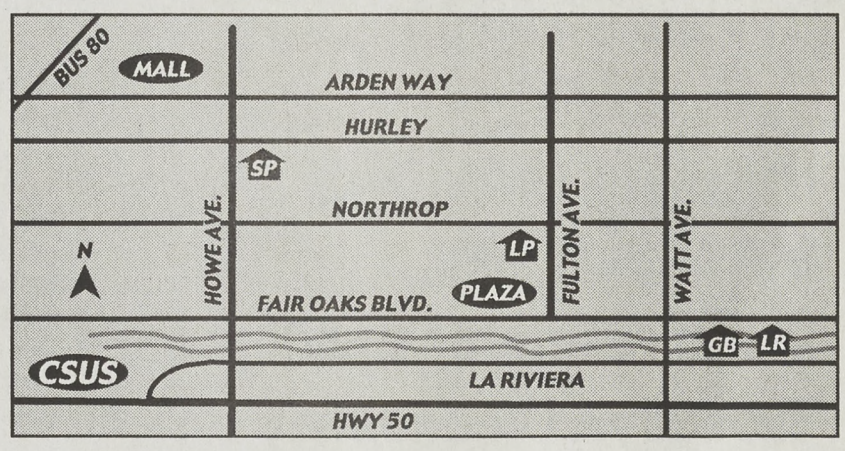


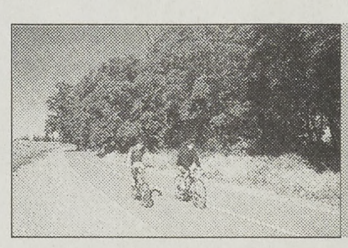
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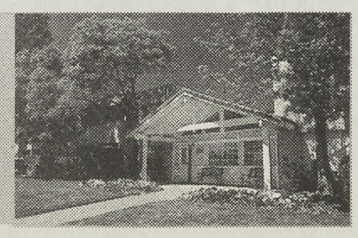
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